

TAFT BILL MEANS BUST, SAYS GREEN

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Denouncing Senator Robert Taft (R-O) as leader of those in Congress who would destroy unions, AFL president William Green last night warned that passage of the omnibus anti-labor bill would signal a sweep of wage cuts and speed America to “another dangerous depression.”

“I urge you, the people, to prevent this tragic mistake by making your voice heard in Washington,” Green appealed over an NBC coast-to-coast hookup.

The denunciation of Taft was vigorous and bitter. It was obvious disappointment with a man who was viewed by AFL leaders as a restraint among the sponsors of anti-labor legislation. Taft was to reply over the same network late last night.

The AFL's main effort is to win a veto of the bill and sufficient support in the Senate to sustain a veto.

Senate lines, meanwhile, were forming for a last ditch fight over the bill. The floor struggle will come first on a substitute bill submitted by Senator James E. Murray and

More on Slave Bill

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10 other pro-labor Democrats. The bill incorporates proposals requested by President Truman in his message to Congress last January. It calls for a fact-finding body to study labor-management relations and a ban on jurisdictional disputes and secondary boycotts.

Passage of the Taft-Hartley program would signal a sweeping wage-cutting campaign, warned Green. American economy would not be able to sustain the shock of a drastic cut in purchasing power, he said.

“People would just have to stop buying many of the things they need, business would shrivel, production would drop, millions of workers would lose their jobs and our country would find itself bogged down in another dangerous depression,” Green said.

The Taft-chaired Senate Labor Committee's method of rigging testimony was especially attacked in Green's speech. The AFL head recalled Taft's speech before American newspaper editors in which he said his bill included two-thirds of the matters “strenuously pressed upon us by employers.”

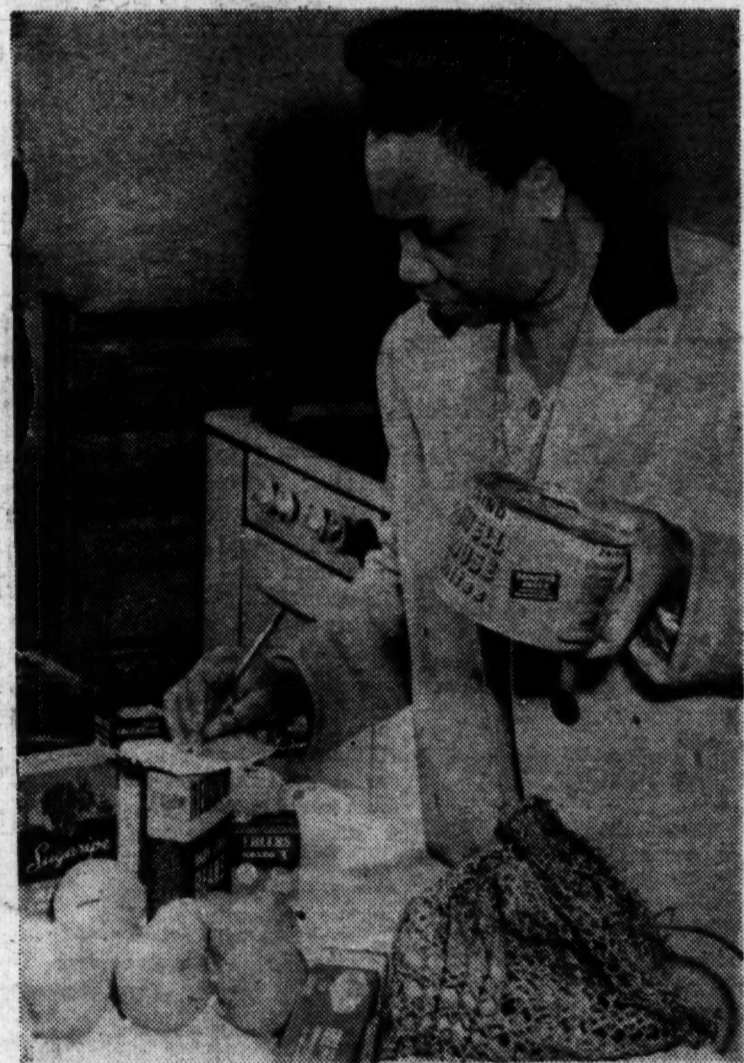
CHALLENGES TAFT

“We asked Senator Taft to name these employers but he never did,” continued Green. In a series of questions Green inferred that Taft yielded to the “high priced lawyers and lobbyists” of the NAM who have “been charged in Congress with having drafted the Hartley Bill.” Also, to employers who have “for generation after generation fought so bitterly against every decent reform”; those who killed price control, who opposed child labor legislation and most other major gains made by labor in recent years.

“I would like to ask Senator Taft,” challenged Green, “why he listened to such employers and why he refused to give a hearing to the thousands and thousands of fair employers who get along well with labor unions and oppose the drastic provisions in his bill because they realize such legislation would hurt business almost as much as labor? Why did he fail to obtain their testimony? Why were the few employers with complaints the only ones to have a chance to testify? Is that the way to obtain factual basis for legislation?”

THE REAL PURPOSE

Green charged that the real purpose behind the procedure was to “weaken and destroy the labor unions.”



It Adds Up Too High: This Harlem housewife, Mrs. Edna Doe, 52 E. 117 St., didn't find prices any lower despite the Truman price plea and the various “reduction plans.” Her husband, a union seaman, earns \$200 monthly; and she can't make ends meet for family of five. Item for item, the prices she paid in Harlem for the groceries being tallied was from 10 to 20 percent higher than those checked by the Daily Worker in Westchester suburbs.

RALLY TO DEFEND THE NATION'S RIGHTS

AN EDITORIAL

It's not the civil liberties of 75,000 American Communists alone that will be defended at the Madison Square Garden Rally Wednesday evening.

It's your civil liberties.

As if to prove that point—the wave of attacks against the Communists is being climaxed by the attempt to pass the Taft anti-labor bill this week.

Similarly, while the un-American committee presses for the imprisonment of

Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, it demanded jail for Henry Wallace.

Repression against America's trade unions, Communists and progressives is the domestic side of the Truman Doctrine. How Europe's people feel about the Doctrine will be reported by Chairman William Z. Foster of the Communist Party.

How the American people can fight for peace and democracy will be demonstrated by the Garden meeting on Wednesday.

He singled out four “direct attacks” upon labor in the Taft-Hartley program: a ban on the closed and union shop; an attempt to outlaw industry-wide bargaining to “break unions down to the local level”; to authorize damage suits against unions to provide the means of destroying and bankrupting organizations; and to bring back “government by injunction.”

Green recalled President Truman's request that a legislative fact-finding body be named to study labor-management disputes.

“The American Federation of Labor endorsed that proposal,” he said. “Labor is not afraid of the facts.”



WORLD EVENTS

US-USSR Talks On Korea Seen No Bar to Solo 'Aid'

Secretary of State Marshall is expected to take favorable action on Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's note suggesting a compromise proposal for resuming talks on Korea it was reported yesterday in Washington.

At the same time the administration let it be known it is preparing to pour \$540,000,000 into Korea as part of the Truman Doctrine of military intervention against democracy all over the world.

Officials said Soviet acceptance of terms on Korean negotiations, suitable to the American government, will not change the plan for intervention in Korea as in Greece and Turkey.

Till now U. S.-Soviet negotiations on the unification of Korea under a provisional Korean government had bogged down on the issue of what Korean Groups would be in such a government.

PLEDGE FOR FUTURE

The Soviet Union had argued that any Korean parties which agitated against the Moscow agreement between the U. S. and USSR should be excluded. Molotov's note revealed on Saturday that the Russians were ready to accept a compromise made by the U. S. commander in Korea.

Under this compromise, past agitation against the agreement would not be a bar, but Koreans participating in the negotiations would be pledged not to oppose it in the future.

May 20 has been mentioned as a date for reconvening the Russian-American negotiations, but there might be a few days delay to make adequate physical arrangements for the conference.

Molotov's letter to Marshall climaxed discussions between the two at the Moscow Foreign Ministers Conference.

The Soviet Foreign Minister also suggested that the proposed U. S. aid plan for Southern Korea be studied by the two powers when they convene. Despite this proposal to get a mutually satisfactory arrangement, State Department officials will ask Congress to go ahead with its unilateral plans for Korea under the Truman Doctrine.

4 Die in Crash of Constellation

CAPE MAY, N. J., May 11 (UP).—A four-motored Constellation of Trans-World Airlines crashed into Delaware Bay today on a training flight and killed the four crew members aboard.

T-W-A officials said the plane

crashed while the crew was duplicating extreme emergency flight conditions as part of the training of a student pilot for overseas flying.

The plane crashed into the bay 10 miles north of here near Brandywine.

Greek Official Against UN Observation

George Papandreu, Greek monarchist Minister of National Economy, wrote a signed article in his weekly newspaper Hellas today opposing UN supervision of Greek Amnesty toward anti-fascist guerrilla fighters.

The United Nations Balkans Inquiry Commission, suggested a general amnesty, to be backed up by the United Nations.

Papandreu also said he opposed any general amnesty unless it precluded unconditional surrender of guerrilla forces, because further concessions "would be tantamount to strengthening the subversive movement while the struggle continues."

British Deport Jewish Leaders

British authorities deported 50 top Jewish underground leaders from Palestine prisons to remote Kenya Colony in Africa yesterday to prevent another liberation attack such as freed nearly 200 captives from Acre Prison last Sunday.

The deportations were carried out as British ships and planes opened combined maneuvers in the Mediterranean to perfect blockade tactics against an expected spring flood of Jewish immigrants seeking entry to the Holy Land from Europe.

The underground leaders, described as group commanders of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Gang, were taken in RAF planes to their new place of detention. Although others have been sent to Kenya before this, today's transfer was the largest ever carried out in a single operation.

Surveys Show:

Americans and Greeks Oppose U.S. Intervention

WASHINGTON, May 11 (FP).—What does the average American think of the Truman doctrine of military and financial aid to Greece and Turkey?

To find out, Rep. Emmanuel Celler (D-NY) polled 150 voters chosen at random out of each of the 162 election districts in his Brooklyn constituency. His return post card carried two statements: "I favor financial and military aid to Greece and Turkey. I do not favor financial and military aid to Greece and Turkey."

75% OPPOSE INTERVENTION

Celler said so far he has received back 4,700 cards and the "results of the poll show that my constituents oppose decidedly military and financial aid to Greece and Turkey. For every return indicating approval of such aid, there are three cards indicating disapproval."

"It is interesting to note that in hundreds of instances, the voters favor financial but not military aid. Others favored such aid provided it was channeled through and controlled by the United Nations. Hundreds wished to eliminate Turkey from the terms of the bill. Hundreds of others opposed the aid because of the autocratic governments of Turkey and Greece."

Celler commented that his poll was taken "without any advance publicity. Pressure groups could not have exerted any undue influence because the greatest number of returns came in the first few days after mailing."

DITTO IN GREECE

A two-and-a-half month investigation in Greece by the Twentieth Century Fund, conservative U.S. research agency, has revealed widespread opposition to the Truman Doctrine by all except the monarchist party in power.

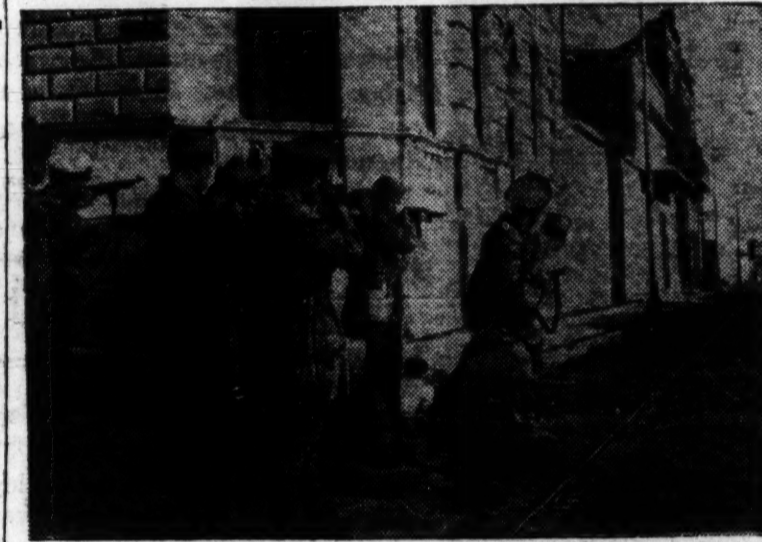
According to the survey, "The Greeks . . . are skeptical about the proposal's military provisions." The Left, the non-Communist Left and the Center are all reported critical of the military intervention by the U.S. The report also showed that all groups except the extreme Right favor a general amnesty, removal of rightist control of the army and police and new elections.

The report was written by Frank Smothers, former editor of the Chicago Sun. He was assisted by William Hardy McNeill, author of the recently published Greek Dilemma: War and Aftermath, and Elizabeth D. McNeill, former member of the Office of War Information staff in Athens. All three signed the report, entitled "How Greece Sees the Truman Doctrine."

OBJECT TO BY-PASSING UN

Another main objection the investigation found among the Greeks is that the United States is acting "unilaterally, independently of the United Nations."

Typical comment of the royalists, who were the only ones found supporting the Truman Doctrine, was the following: "Truman and the atom bomb can take care of Russia."



Revolt in Paraguay: Government troops fire on insurgents in a street in Asuncion, capital city of Paraguay, according to this officially-passed photo. Rebel naval forces and civilians are fighting to overthrow dictator Moringo.

Brazil CP Papers Still Appear

The Brazilian Communist deputies and the Communist daily newspapers in Brazil have not been affected by the order which suspends the functioning of the Brazilian Party, it was reported Thursday by the Cuban newspaper Hoy.

According to Associated Press dispatches, which Hoy publishes, but which did not appear in this country, the interim president of the Electoral Tribunal, Lafayette Andrade, was asked whether the ban

on the Communist activity in Brazil applied to the 15 deputies and one senator, or the seven Communist daily papers and two publishing houses.

Andrade replied that in his opinion, it did not.

A leading morning newspaper in Rio, Correio Da Manha, which is known to be an anti-Communist, was reported as saying that the expulsion of the Communist representatives would be "the suicide of the Congress."

Says Britain, US Differ on Spain

The London Sunday Observer said yesterday that the British and American governments had disagreed in recent confidential talks on intervention in Spain.

According to the Observer, the American State Department wants to prevent a leftwing government including Communists, from replacing the Franco regime.

"The increased American interest in Spanish affairs is explained by the geographical importance which Spain acquired in the light of America's new Greco-Turkish policy," the article said. "Spain dominates the entry from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean and it (United States) argued a potentially unfriendly, non-democratic government in Spain would now constitute a standing threat to American communications with Greece and Turkey."

Army Expands Arctic Air Base

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Emphasizing the importance the War Department attaches to trans-polar arctic bombing preparations the Army Air Forces today announced an \$8,125,000 expansion program for a 26 mile field near Ladd Field, Alaska to base its 10,000-mile-range B-36 Super bombers.

Facilities at Whittier Port, Alaska, also will be expanded at a cost of \$2,840,845, with district engineers at anchorage supervising the work.

On May 1 the AAF revealed plans for a \$13,000,000 base for its big strategic bombers in Aroostook County, Me., four miles west of the Canadian border and astride the main aerial route between Western Europe and the North American continent.

In addition, the airforces already is carrying out extensive cold-weather maneuvers in Alaska with B-29 Superforts, P-61 Mustangs and some of its new P-80 jet fighters.

The Alaskan expansion strategy was disclosed previously by Brig. Gen. Donald N. Yates, commander of the AAF air weather service who said facilities must be provided for the atom-bomb carrying B-29.

Aid 'Democratic' Turkey? Ask an Armenian

By Olive Sutton

No people on earth is better equipped to see through President Truman's policy of aid to Turkey in the name of democracy than the Armenians.

For Turkey now controls and misrules 124,000 square miles of territory that was once the homeland of 2,500,000 Armenian people.

During and after the first World War, Turkey was responsible for the murder of over 1,000,000 Armenians, and for the deportation of thousands more.

Another 11,000 square miles is now the small Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, where over 1,280,000 Armenians have built a new homeland.

Armenians from all over the world are returning to that homeland. Some 50,000 last year were repatriated under the Republic's special immigration program, and officials estimate that nearly a million can be resettled. But for the other thousands of Armenians, some of them exiled for centuries, others for only a quarter of a century, there is another solution.

That is the return of the Armenian provinces, seized by Turkey after the first World War.

WILSON AWARD

After years of Turkish rule, those provinces — Kars, Ardahan, Van, Bitlis, Erzerum, and Trebizond are lying fallow, under-populated, in sharp contrast to the progress of the areas the Armenians have been managing themselves.

In 1920, Woodrow Wilson was

asked by the Allied Supreme Council to make an arbitration award defining the boundaries of the new Armenian state. That same year the Treaty of Sèvres, to which Turkey was a signatory, also assigned this job to Wilson.

In November Wilson awarded the provinces to Armenia. This settlement was never carried out. The Armenian question was buffeted about in the game of power politics after the first World War.

The Wilson award has become the rallying point for Armenians all over the world who want to go home. At a World Congress, held in New York a few days ago, they raised their voices in unison on this point.

From 28 nations they came to work out the next step in the long struggle for a just settlement of

their national problem. With great love and pride they spoke of the accomplishments of their people in the Soviet Armenian Republic.

The production goals filled, and over-fulfilled. The abundant harvests, the cultural festivals, the elimination of illiteracy—all these they regard as achievements they too could be a part of, if given the land wrested from them by the Turks.

In a resolution passed unanimously, enthusiastically, they voted at the World Congress to ask the UN General Assembly to put their problem on its agenda at the next session.

They also voted to send a message to President Truman, asking him to follow the course set by Wilson—to work for settlement according to the Wilson award.

LABOR and the NATION

40,000 Idle as Auto Layoffs Grow

DETROIT, May 11.—Layoffs sweeping the automobile industry today had thrown more than 40,000 into idleness with more due to be affected in many parts plants. The stockmarket, reacting quickly to the news, yesterday showed losses totaling more than a billion dollars on the market price of auto shares.

WESTERN ELECTRIC TALKS RECESS; TO RESUME TODAY

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The Western Electric negotiations here recessed tonight until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Federal conciliator John Murray, who met for nearly six hours with the company and union representatives, said "a lot of work was done, but we haven't reached the wage question yet."

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Government conciliators sat down with company and union officials in a special Sunday negotiating session today in an effort to end the Western Electric Co. strike which is preventing settlement of the 35-day-old nationwide telephone strike.

Assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson took over the negotiations but he refused to predict an end of the strike today.

Despite back-to-work agreements in other phases of the telephone walkout, picket lines of Western Electric employees are blocking the return to work of the long distance workers and of several local unions which have settled with Bell System affiliates of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

The Association of Communication Equipment Workers, with 20,000 members from coast to coast, and the Western Electric Employees As-

sociation, with 22,000 members in New York and Northern New Jersey, said they would maintain picket lines until their disputes are settled.

An end to their strikes would mean a resumption of normal service in the nine Southern states, five Northwestern states, and in Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York.

The AT&T admitted that only about 8,800 of its 26,700 long distance employees are at work. The long lines workers ended their strike for an average weekly wage increase of \$4.79, but have refused to cross picket lines.

Latest locals to reach agreement were three New Jersey telephone unions. They also refused to cross picket lines. The Southern Federation of Telephone Workers also agreed to end their walkout Friday night for wage increases of \$2 to \$4 a week.



AVAK HAGOPLAN, 20-year-old Iranian faith healer, gazes heaven-ward at Palm Springs, Cal., in his efforts to cure Vaughn Arakelian, epileptic son of a wealthy wine merchant. In a preliminary engagement, Avak reportedly relieved Arakelian's sister-in-law of arthritis pains which had plagued her since 1941. Mrs. Arakelian's doctor said he'd been giving her a new type of medicine, but generously said the cure might be due to "faith."

Shortage in sheet steel was given as the main explanation. The drop in production is estimated at around 20,000 cars for this week.

First indication of the seriousness of the situation came from the Fisher Body division of General Motors Corp., which said a "temporary" shortage of steel has forced curtailment of output. The sheet steel situation also forced Briggs Manufacturing Co. to announce a shutdown of its body plants and layoff of 19,000 workers for the period from May 9 to 20.

Chrysler has suspended body assembly and final assembly of passenger cars until May 20 and a 30 percent cut in production was announced by Nash Motors.

The Briggs plant supplying Pack-

Ford Foremen Vote To Strike May 17

DETROIT, May 11 (UP).—The Ford chapter of the Foremen's Association of America voted today to strike May 17 at all Detroit plants of the Ford Motor Co.

ard will close Tuesday, forcing Packard to stop auto assemblies for two days. Packard has been making about 200 cars a day and Chrysler about 3,400.

GM said some 14,000 production workers soon would feel the steel pinch and that assembly plants at Atlanta, Baltimore, Janesville, Wis., Norwood, Ohio, Oakland, Calif., Tarrytown, N. Y., Kansas City and St. Louis would not be able to work more than four days next week.

Oldsmobile and Pontiac divisions of GM suffered two-day shutdowns last week. Nash slashed output 30 percent in its Wisconsin auto plants and Hudson reported ragged output because of the metal shortage.

FORD 'JUST TIGHT'

Only Ford of the major producers believed it could hold output of 4,300 Fords, Mercurys and Lincolns a day without a shutdown. However, even Ford said the steel situation was "very tight."

Ward's Automobile Reports said the month of May is likely to be the worst production month of 1947.

Wall Street's concern was based on the fact that any serious unemployment in Detroit could have serious repercussions throughout the country and hasten the nation toward a "recession."

Steel production is at a post-war high. The New York Times index places it at 141.5—41 points higher than a year ago. The steel shortage in the auto industry, it is believed, is due to unplanned reconversion and the premature lifting of controls last year.

Industries allied with automobiles, including upholstery, tires, leather and others, will immediately feel the pinch of widespread lay-offs and slackened auto production.

Business Week, concludes in its current issue that the present lay-offs "can mean gradual expansion in unemployment and shrinkage in consumer income."

Labor Boycotts Scab Camels

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., May 11.—Camel cigarettes went on labor's boycott list today. And 10,000 strikers against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company began their second week picket vigil heartened by a wire from CIO President Philip Murray that "six million members of the CIO stand solidly" behind the walkout.

Murray's wire to the CIO United Tobacco Workers, Local 22, pledged the support of the entire CIO "in your struggle for better, more American conditions."

In California, 200,000 CIO members have already vowed to ditch their last Camel until the Reynolds company agrees to pay a decent wage. At a Los Angeles CIO Council meeting "hundreds of packs of Camels went sailing out the windows," according to Dixie Tiller, member of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural International Executive Board.

The strike of the Reynolds workers received tremendous encouragement when 200 merchants in this tobacco town signed the union's petition to back the fight for a 5½ cent an hour increase. They told the company, which also manufactures Prince Albert smoking tobacco, that "the quick and successful ending of the strike will help business and the entire community of Winston-Salem."

Drive for Truman Veto As Slave Bill Okay Nears

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Republican leaders in the Senate have succeeded in their objective of toughening up the already tough Taft anti-labor bill. Labor circles were agreed on that today after taking stock of Senate action last week on a series of amendments offered by old foes of unionism. Although several extreme amendments, such as the curb on industrywide bargaining, were defeated or modified, the Senate accepted a half dozen drastic provisions of the House-passed Hartley bill.

Chairman Robert Taft (R-O) of the Senate Labor Committee, directing the GOP drive on labor, predicted yesterday the Senate would vote Monday night. Others believe a vote impossible before the end of the week. In either event, passage of the bill is assured. Major labor effort is directed toward getting as large a vote as possible against the bill in order to give additional weight to labor's attempt to persuade President Truman to veto.

Among labor leaders, there is a keen sense of the danger facing the trade union movement. Newsmen assigned to cover the labor "beat" say that never before have they seen such an atmosphere of alarm in both AFL and CIO headquarters. William Green, AFL president, went on the air tonight on an NBC hook-up to declare "the greatest domestic issue facing our nation is whether free trade unionism shall survive."

CIO president Philip Murray has scheduled for Friday night, May 16, a speech on the anti-labor bills over the NBC network.

DRIVE FOR VETO

The drive for a presidential veto is the central strategy of labor. This explains why labor circles welcomed a surprise move by a group of pro-labor Senators, to introduce a substitute motion to the Taft bill last Friday, although unionists disap-

prove the content of the substitute. The new bill would designate as an unfair labor practice jurisdictional strikes and strikes for recognition of a union contrary to NLRB determination. Such strikes, as well as secondary boycotts for organization or recognition purposes, could be stopped by a cease-and-desist order from NLRB on pain of contempt proceedings. It contains other objectionable provisions and one acceptable section calling for a "commission to inquire into labor-management problems."

The bill is supported by 11 Democrats, including Murray (Mont), Thomas (Utah), Chavez (N.M.), Green (RI), Kilgore (W.Va.), Johnson (SC), Magnuson (Wash.), Myers (Pa.), Taylor (Ida), McGrath (RI) and Pepper (Fla.).

"Certainly we are not in favor of this bill, either," a labor legislative representative told the Daily Worker. "But it indicates what the Truman administration would be willing to settle for. If it strengthens the hand of these friends of labor in appealing to Truman for a veto, well and good, because a veto is now the only hope labor and progressives have for defeating the drastic measures cooked up by Taft and Hartley."

SENATE BOX-SCORE

Several progressive senators are meeting tomorrow with representatives of the CIO, AFL and some 20 civic and progressive organizations, it was learned today. The meeting is private and will be devoted to a discussion of how the anti-labor drive can be checked, it was said. The box-score on last week's ac-

tion in the Senate showed the following:

1—Adopted an amendment by Sen. Joseph Ball (R-Minn) forbidding unions to "coerce" employees and virtually outlawing mass picketing. Passed 60 to 28.

2—Adopted an amendment by Ball to outlaw employer-supported welfare funds which are administered by the unions. It would also

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Censor Detroit Mayor's Rap at Red-Baiting

By William Allan

DETROIT, May 11.—Radio station WJR, former outlet for Father Coughlin's fascist propaganda speeches, last week cut out of a broadcast by Mayor Edward J. Jeffries a criticism of red-baiting being practiced by Gov. Kim Sigler.

The manager of WJB, G. R. Richards, was the recipient of a banquet at the ultra swank Detroit Athletic Club. At that banquet on Richards' 25th wedding anniversary, Governor Sigler was a speaker along with Father Coughlin, J. Edgar Hoover, Eddie Rickenbacker and other ace American red-baiters.

Richards has been broadcasting almost daily the recorded anti-Communist testimony of J. Edgar Hoover before the House Un-American Committee.

FALSE ECONOMY

The Mayor spoke over WJR, May 4 under the auspices of the CIO United Public Workers, on the issue of more money for schools, play-

grounds, hospitals and homes for the mentally sick.

Sigler's Republican administration is proposing wide slashes in the budget. Jeffries speaking on this point, said:

"We have gone carefully over the State's figures and we find no accurate basis for any of the claimant's deficit figures. This administration has had nearly five months to work out a state financial program."

The following section of the Mayor's script was censored by WJR. We quote:

"Instead this administration (Sigler's) has used the time needed for that and other vital matters in staging a series of melodramatic spectacles. The Governor went off to Washington to say that Detroit's Police Commissioner and School Superintendent were Communists and aligned with subversive groups. Of course, he later took more time to admit

that he didn't know what he was talking about."

The Mayor was permitted to tell how Sigler thwarted the referendum voted by the people at the polls allotting one third of the sales tax income for schools, hospitals and other needs.

Despite the fact that the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that the one-third share be apportioned to the cities, the state administration still stalls on returning the money.

A 10 percent liquor tax that the cities get is now to go to the state. The cities will now get only half of their share of the state intangibles tax. Also pending is 2 percent income tax and a 2-cent tax on cigarettes.

Meanwhile the giant corporations with whose chiefs Sigler dined at the Detroit Athletic Club each pay taxes only on \$50,000 worth of property holdings in the State. The Sigler regime refuses to lift the ceiling on this taxable property.

NEW YORK

Liberals Assail Threats Against 42 Queens Teachers

A group of nine leading liberals, headed by Councilman Stanley Isaacs, yesterday assailed the "threats of reprisals" against 42 Queens College faculty members as an "ominous attack on democracy." Defense of the teachers' rights came in a letter from

the liberals, signed by Isaacs, to Dr. Ordway Tead, chairman of the Board of Higher Education. The attack on the teachers came after they voted against a proposal to ban the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) at Queens College.

INTIMIDATION OF FACULTY

The AYD was banned by a vote of 55-42 after three days of intensive intimidation of faculty members which succeeded in changing earlier votes against the ban. Intimidation of the faculty at the college has grown to such an extent that Dr. Paul Klapper, Queens College president, has been asked to resign by Democratic leader James A. Roe if he does not reveal the names of the 42 teachers.

The Isaacs letters was read and approved by John Abt, Prof. Lyman R. Bradley, Richard S. Childs, Albert Deutsch, Council Minority Leader Genevieve B. Earle, Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, Osmond K. Fraenkel and Dr. William Jay Schieffelin.

"You as chairman of the Board of Higher Education," Isaacs wrote to Tead, "have the grave responsibility, among your other duties of guarding the democratic traditions of our city colleges. We, as citizens concerned with their welfare, look to you to rebuke those whose inadequate respect for that tradition has led them to launch an unprincipled attack against the academic freedom of Queens College."

Isaacs then cited the appearance of Councilman Hugh Quinn at the faculty meeting which voted the ban with the announced intention to "check up on the votes," as an example of the intimidation to which the teachers had been subjected.

He also cited Roe's demand for the identification of the 42 teachers and the request of GOP Congressman Henry Latham for interven-

tion by the House Un-American Committee.

"This interference in the affairs of Queens College is unprecedented and dangerous in the extreme," Isaacs stated.

"We urge that you pledge your efforts to support of the academic freedom tradition, and that you

assure the staff and the people of New York that you will rebuff any attempt to intimidate and penalize members of the staff for the proper and fearless discharge of their duties. For our part we are prepared to join with you and with others who are equally determined to repel such ominous attacks on democracy."

GOP COUNTY BOARDS FIGHT DEWEY SOAK-POOR TAXES

ALBANY, May 11. — Republican county Boards of Supervisors are giving the cold shoulder to Gov. Dewey's local tax program. They are demanding a special session of the State Legislature to reconsider the problem of financial relations between the state and its localities.

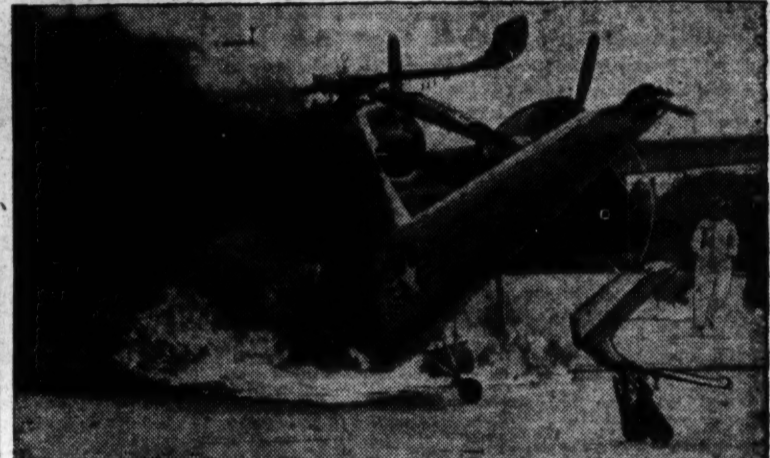
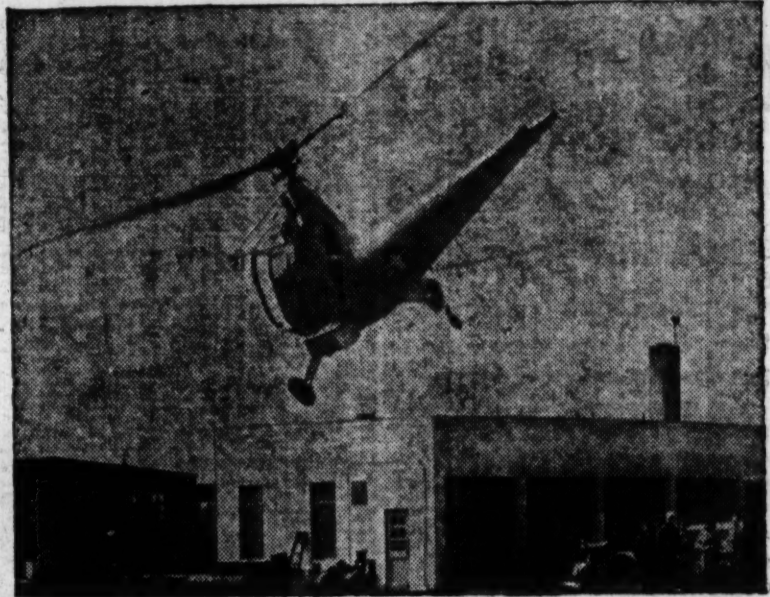
At the recent session, the Governor, over bitter opposition from members of his own party, rammed through a measure giving the local communities the "power" to levy new taxes on their people, including a two percent sales tax.

Total amount that could be raised

through these local taxes if all localities used them would be \$111,000,000. At the same time, the Governor engineered corporate and income tax cuts amounting to \$160,000,000.

The ALP alone fought the program in both houses of the Legislature.

Three county boards of supervisors have called for a special session of the Legislature to reconsider the problem, and more than twice as many have voted to reject the new taxing powers.



Hell-Raising Helicopter: Lt. D. O. Gershowitz' quick thinking prevented injury to a group of high school students watching him demonstrate a helicopter at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn. Caught in a down-wind, the craft dove (top) to the ground and lost its tail assembly. The pilot brought it up again, then down away from the crowd, where it burst into flames. He was unhurt.

Robeson's Victory Concert in Albany

(Reprinted from late edition of The Worker)
By George Marion

ALBANY, May 10.—Paul Robeson sang here last night, and as a concert it was the most remarkable anti-fascist political demonstration I have ever witnessed. The well-attended performance and the subsequent reception for the great Negro singer, actor ex-athlete and people's leader together developed into a single spontaneous victory celebration.

Robeson, thanking the hundreds of Albanyites who really worked nights for the past two weeks, to smash a highly organized attempt to prevent or spoil the concert, promptly announced he would now renew the fight at Peoria, Ill.

"I expect to go back to Peoria, perhaps by the end of this month," Robeson said, after recalling the lynch atmosphere in which he had been prevented from singing there last month. "The Ministerial Alliance there, though under great pressure from the mayor, and many powerful reactionary elements, today courageously renewed its invitation to me. I will go back, perhaps taking some people like Henry Wallace, Senator Claude Pepper and others with me."

THE CONCERT, curiously enough, demonstrated that Mayor Erasmus Corning and Albany city attorney James J. McGuinness had a glimpse of a truth they could not understand when they tried to prevent Robeson from using Philip Livingston High School here on the ground that his artistry was not mere singing.

They had complained that when Robeson sang a line from *Ol' Man River* that goes, "I'll keep on fighting until I'm dying," his audience "goes into a frenzy." And Mayor Corning thought the emotions roused by the Four Insurgent Generals, song of Republican Spain in the war against Franco, very disturbing.

When Robeson sang the "fighting" line from *Ol' Man River* last night, it is a fact that a wave of emotion swept the audience. Even hostile press photographers—out in force because of the possibility of



ROBESON
Acclaimed in Albany

some "incident" at the affair—burst into applause.

And when he sang of the four insurgent generals, "they'll all be hanging," repeating it in Spanish with even greater emphasis, the hatred all decent people feel for the murderous dictator Franco certainly added power to the storm of handclapping.

PAUL later put into words something that the mayor, the Albany political machine, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the organ of the Albany diocese of the Roman Catholic Church did not understand about his work as a singer.

"I serve the people," he said. "As an artist who is political—and no artist is non-political; he may think he is, but whether he knows it or not he serves either the people or those who trample on the people's rights—I have always served and will always serve the people."

THE FIGHT here began on April 22 when Corning revoked the permit procured seven months earlier for use of the school. The Albany Committee for Civil Rights was

promptly formed, co-chaired by the Rev. Karl Nielsen, Unitarian, and Mrs. Robert C. Wheeler, prominent clubwoman who judges Siamese cat shows and heads wartime Russian War Relief activities with equal competence.

At the reception in Jack's Restaurant here—highlighted by the surprise appearance of Josh White, who came up to fight for Robeson if necessary, and who stayed to hear Robeson sing for the first time, and himself to sing three songs at the victory gathering—tribute was paid to the courage of Rev. Samuel B. Reed, pastor of the Israel A.M.E. Church, whose Carver Cultural Society sponsored the concert.

OTHERS who played a leading role in the fight were progressive

attorney Arthur J. Harvey and Vivian Shatz, executive secretary of the committee. But the reception was not a dry round of reciprocal compliments. The mood of the 200 to 300 people present—white and black—was of warm solidarity.

Rev. Nielsen, of the so-called white race, summed up the emotional-political continuity of the evening—capped by a stirring and informal talk by Mr. Robeson—when he said:

"Paul has made me proud to be a member of the same race—the human race. It has often been lonely here though the population of Albany is about 100,000—mostly white. We won't feel lonely any more—and that's a debt we owe to Paul."

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How to Play Hookey And Get Away With It

By Travis Hedrick

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Skipping classes and general assemblies has long been subjected to academic punishment in American high schools. But today, smart students caught "ditching" a scheduled operation can win the applause of Congress and get their pictures in newspapers and magazines if they know how.

The know-how is political. Take a loud, popular anti-Russian twist and you're a hero instead of a bum.

At Washington's Western high school on Tuesday, May 6, a general assembly was held for its 1,030 students. Of that number, all sat through a lecture in general assembly was held for its 1,030 students of an army colonel. They walked out just before the talk was concluded.

The next day the hysterical Washington Times-Herald carried a screaming 8-column headline: "PROBE OF RED TALK IN D. C. SCHOOL ORDERED."

Instead of being punished for jumping a lecture, the four students appeared before a group of bitterly anti-Soviet congressmen May 8 and were given silk American flags and a scroll of honor. Their pictures were taken for presentation to the District of Columbia.

At Western high, which is largely attended by the capital's upper crust in fashionable Georgetown, Federated Press learned that the four students "are not, in any sense, leaders. They are quite the opposite."

What started the whole thing was a lecture by Russian-born Mrs. Aleksandra Pavlovna Lewis, 32, who spoke before the students on her life in the Soviet Union.

Among other factual matters, Mrs. Lewis described the free medical care given Soviet citizens. She said Russia has "no landlords living on rents or profits," and that industry is publicly owned. She declared the Russian people have no fears of losing their jobs. . . of old age. . . and anyone can get an education—free—if he or she passes the required tests.

After Mrs. Lewis' talk she was enthusiastically applauded and there was a long question-and-answer period. There was no demonstration against her or her topic.

WALK OUT

But the four who walked out at the end of her speech (she said saw "three girls leave from the end of the hall.") suddenly decided they were anti-Soviet and that she had attempted to preach communism to high school students.

That was enough for the House Un-American activities committee, which somehow got word of the "student demonstration" and sent Investigator Donald F. Appel to the school.

"Mrs. Lewis, small and lovely, said she thought the whole newspaper-stirred mess was 'ridiculous,' but not Rep. Alvin O'Konski (R-Wis.) O'Konski is head of the American Anti-Communist Assn. and he pub-

licly presented the four students with silk American flags May 8.

And a special gathering is planned for the four May 13 by a group of reactionary congressmen in the Old House Office building, with Speaker Joe Martin (R-Mass) and Democratic Leader Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) among the hosts.

Mrs. Lewis, of course, is amazed. She said "I wanted to show the good

and bad of both countries I thought it was American free speech."

But other papers and magazines have taken up the hue and cry. The FBI, according to the Washington Post, has had Mrs. Lewis "under surveillance since she entered this country in 1943." And the un-American committee is going whole-hog into an investigation.

Sea Union Asks CIO Discipline John Green

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—The Marine Cooks and Stewards convention yesterday urged CIO President Philip Murray to take disciplinary steps against John Green, president of the Industrial Union of

Marine and Shipbuilding Workers for chartering red-baiting secessionists of a sister CIO union. Green is a vice-president of the CIO.

The resolution passed by the delegates of the CIO affiliate denounced Green's recent chartering of a split-off group headed by John Driscoll of Connecticut from the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Murray was asked to start recall proceedings against Green and take steps to cancel the charters given the Driscoll group. Green is charged with flagrant violation of good faith between CIO affiliates and for disrupting CIO authority. "BOSSES' TOOLS"

The Driscoll group began its splitting move under the guise of fighting "Communist domination." The MCS resolution denounced it as "unworthy of union men with principle."

"Instigators must be denounced as tools of the bosses, and it is in that category in which we place Driscoll and his clique," said the resolution.

"The action of John Green, if permitted to go unchallenged, could lead to the destruction of every CIO union. This must not go on if we are to successfully fight our enemies, the monopolists and reactionaries in and out of Congress."

The resolution also noted the experience of the MCS with a similar red-baiting clique and that it is "currently beset by court actions intended to wreck our union and destroy our contracts."

Leaders of red-baiters in the MCS, encouraged by enemies of labor, were expelled two years ago following efforts to split the union.

Mine, Mill Local Wins 13½c Rise

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 11.—The CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers made public today its first major wage settlement of the year in this area. Irving Dichter, international representative, announced that 1,200 workers of the Jenkins Brothers Company won a general pay boost of 13½ cents an hour plus six paid holidays.

The increase is retroactive to April 14, the date negotiations were begun under the wage reopening clause of the contract. The increase means an 18 to 20 cents an hour increase for the majority of the workers.

Other contract negotiations now in process include those with the Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury; American Brass Co., Torrington; Plume and Atwood, Thomaston; Driscoll Wire, Ansonia, and Stamford Rolling Mills, Stamford.

500 Rap Slave Bills At Poughkeepsie Rally

Special to the Daily Worker
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 11.—More than 500 people attended a mass meeting here Thursday night to protest the Taft-Hartley anti-labor bills.

The meeting was sponsored by CIO, AFL unions and the International Association of Machinists (IAM). Chairman of the rally was Prof. Emily Brown, of the Economics Department, Vassar College. Speakers included J. Fuller, of the IAM, Frank Downing, United Auto Workers; Morton Goodman, International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

TRIAL OPENS TODAY ON TEXAS U. NEGRO BAN

AUSTIN, Texas, May 11.—Opening guns in an assault on the University of Texas Law School's lily white walls will be fired here tomorrow in the Civil Court of Appeals. Attorneys of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, led by special counsel Thurgood Marshall, are arguing in behalf of Herman Marion Sweatt, Houston Negro mail clerk who sought admission, and was refused.

The NAACP action was filed in the local state court in Austin on May 16, 1946. In June of that year the lower court entered an order that the University, in denying admission to Sweatt in the absence of

an equal, separate law school, denied Sweatt the equal protection of laws under the Constitution of the United States. The presiding judge, however, stayed for six months the operation of the decree, pending the establishment of a separate but equal school. On Dec. 17, 1946, the State of Texas filed a motion alleging that a separate school had been established and on the basis of this motion, the court denied the writ of mandamus and an appeal was immediately taken to the civil court of appeals of Texas, on the grounds that insufficient proof had been presented that the state had established a separate but equal law school.

The Sweatt case will assume rather sensational proportions, since the NAACP brief is clearly an all-out attack on the very theory of Jim Crow and although the imminent court of action is designed to force the University to admit Sweatt to

its law school, the brief by implication attacks every phase of the segregation pattern in the public life of the South, exploding the theory that separate but equal facilities are anything more than "judicial myth."

Although the NAACP attorneys admitted that they would place several nationally famous authorities of both races on the stand to support their arguments, they would not identify them. It was generally known, however, that at least two of the witnesses would be experts in the field of legal education who are at the present time connected with the leading law schools in America.

The ensuing court battle between the NAACP attorneys and the Texas Attorney General is expected to be bitter. One local observer prophesied that "Judge Roy Archer will be sitting on the hottest bench in this country."

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SCIENCE IN CHAINS

By Peter Stone

AT A FORUM on New Prospectives in Science, Sir Robert Watson-Watt and Professor J. D. S. Bernal, eminent British scientists, joined Dr. Philip Morrison and Mr. Lewis Allen Berne in agreeing that secrecy in research can lead only to stagnation.

Dr. Morrison, professor of physics at Cornell University and consultant on atomic energy, was quite sharp in his attack on FBI control of science.

He predicted that such police guidance would soon "tend to make all science become nuclear physics, narrow and national." The Cornell physicist warned that such development would only bring an atmosphere of frustration in science and prevent further progress of society.

Prof. Bernal is a Fellow of the Royal Society, famed crystallographer, director of Housing Research for the British government and author of that great classic, *The Social Function of Science*. He warned not only against military secrecy in science but also against industrial secrets. He pointed out that such know-how couldn't be kept confidential in present-day England, if that war-devastated country is to move ahead.



LEWIS ALAN BERNE, prominent architect and director of the Technical and Scientific Division of UOPWA-CIO, discussed the economic aspects for scientific workers. He proved conclusively that new perspectives in science were inextricably bound up with financial security for scientists.

The architect noted the great desertion of science teachers from the schools. He cited the 1947 report of the American Chemical Society that "teachers of chemistry are vanishing Americans because of low salaries, heavy work loads, etc." These disappearing teachers are striking fear into the hearts of our giant science publishers. McGraw-Hill's *Chemical Engineering* (April, 1947) sees America in danger of becoming "engulfed by communism because the Soviet Union spends twice as much on teachers."

As a professional and trade unionist, Berne wants to see science developed for the people, and not used for human exploitation. He called for the unification of all science organizations. The world of limitless horizons could only come from a free and unfettered research program; from a concept of society which understands the need for the international solidarity of science.

BRITAIN'S GREAT PROBLEM

is how to keep warm and decently fed. Bernal said that his country was dependent upon rapid progress in science for its very national existence. The parliamentary science committee attached to the House of Commons has given top priority to problems in power, industrial efficiency, food and housing.

The war had been a great proving ground and it has become apparent that science is not something that "requires centuries to be put into operation." This in turn brought the realization that there was insufficient scientific personnel in England. The Labor government has embarked upon a two-fold campaign which will insure at least twice as many science graduates yearly, and make full use of present research staffs.

Prof. Bernal's housing section has 600 scientists working on such questions as what to build; what to build with; how to build, and where to build. Mixed teams of social and physical scientists are discussing housing in relation to human needs. Space problems, leisure activities, housewife and family needs are being considered in Bernal's housing program.

Other mixed science teams are studying new materials, mechanization of Britain's outworn constructive system, possibilities of pre-fabrication and greater productivity. The full assistance of the trade union movement and employers' association have been

PRACTICALLY all military authorities have agreed that the Battle of Britain was won by the fighters of the RAF and radiolocators. The father of British radar is Sir Robert Watson Watt, who was wartime director of telecommunications for his government. The radio-physicist is also a well-known meteorologist and a past president of the British Association of Scientific Workers.

Sir Robert couldn't understand why American scientists didn't join trade unions. For "only by unionization of British scientists could we do the greatest good for the community in which we were born."

Military secrecy produces conditions which favor war, said the British physicist and he saw little excuse for secrecy in science at this time, because it would only "lead to a degeneration of the international situation."

Prof Bernal summed up the meeting on a hopeful note. He called for greater support to UNESCO and for the affiliation of all scientific bodies to the newly formed World Federation of Scientific Workers.

This excellent meeting was chaired by Prof. Behre of Columbia University and was sponsored by the UOPWA, Science Division of PCA and the American Association of Scientific Workers.



"Funny thing, general, you remind me of someone, can't say who!"

CONNOLLY'S CLEAR VOICE

By Sean Nolan

DUBLIN.

TODAY, MAY 12, is the 31st anniversary of the execution in Dublin by the British Government of James Connolly, Socialist and outstanding leader of the 1916 Uprising against British rule on Ireland.

In the principal cities of Ireland, among the Irish exiles of Britain and the United States Connolly is commemorated every year in public meeting and demonstration.

James Connolly remains the most outstanding Irishman of this century. His writings have as great a significance and importance for the Irish Labor movement today as when first written.

THE BASIS of his teaching is summed up in the following quotation from his book, *Labour in Irish History*:

"The progress of the fight for national liberty of any subject nation must, perforce, keep pace with the progress of the struggle for liberty of the most subject class in that nation, and that the shifting of economic and political forces which accompanies the development of the system of capitalist society leads inevitably to the increasing conservatism of the non-working class element, and to the revolutionary vigor and power of the working class... only the Irish working class remain as the incorruptible inheritors of the fight for freedom in Ireland."

In the 31 years since Connolly's death events in Ireland have demonstrated forcibly the truth of this statement. The nonworking class element (the new industrialists) have become wealthy and conservative and it remain for the working people (the "incorruptible inheritors") to carry forward the struggle for unity and independence.

NOT ONLY IN IRELAND but in all capitalist countries we hear a lot of talk nowadays about property rights and human rights.

"Capitalism and landlordism are based upon the denial to man of the right to live except as a dependent upon capitalists and landlords; they exist by perpetually confiscating the property which the worker has produced in the fruits of his toil, and established property for the capitalist by denying it to the laborer."

"Why talk about the right to live under capitalism? If a man had all the patriotism of a Robert Emmet or a George Washington, if he had all the genius of a Goldsmith or a Mangan, if he had all the religion of a St. Simeon Stylites or a St. Francis d'Assisi, if he belongs to the working class he has no right to live in this world unless a capitalist can see his way to make a profit out of him."

In one of the most profound passages ever penned by him, Connolly here issues a warning that must never leave the minds of the Irish workers. It is the

touchstone enabling us to judge every argument and issue presented for our approval:

"When questions of 'class interests' are eliminated from public controversy a victory is thereby gained for the possessing, conservative class, whose only hope of security lies in such elimination. Like a fraudulent trustee, the bourgeois dreads nothing so much as an impartial and rigid inquiry into the validity of his title deeds. Hence the bourgeois press and politicians incessantly strive to inflame the working class mind to fever heat upon questions outside the range of their own class interests."

"War, religion, race, language, political reform, patriotism—apart from whatever intrinsic merits they may possess—all serve in the hands of the possessing class as counter irritants, whose function it is to avert the catastrophe of social revolution, by rendering heat in such parts of the body politic as are farthest removed from the seat of economic inquiry and consequently of class consciousness on the part of the proletariat."

"The bourgeois Irishman has long been an adept at such maneuvering, and has, it must be confessed, found in his working class countrymen exceedingly pliable material."

The development of a powerful labor movement in Ireland is the surest way to restore the unity which once existed between North and South. Such a movement is the one basis that can bind for all time the plain people who have been sundered by political and religious dissensions:

"In the Socialist movement the North and South will again clasp hands, again will it be demonstrated, as in '98, that the pressure of a common exploitation can make enthusiastic rebels out of a Protestant working class, earnest champions of civil and religious liberty out of Catholics, and out of both a united Social Democracy."

WORTH REPEATING

"The Communist Party of the United States is a purely American political party. It is the party of the American working class. It is more American than the political parties that serve the narrow interests of wealthier classes. Our American trade unions also were once denounced as of European origin and foreign to America, but they are native organizations serving the interests of 60,000,000 American wage workers and the backbone of our American democracy. So also the American Communist Party is native to this country and necessary to its democratic life, as measured by the only real test, which is loyalty to our country and its people." —From the statement of Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, challenging the legality of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Political Affairs, May 1947.

Times Admits Greek Aid'll Be Mainly Military

THE TIMES admits the Greek-Turkey bill passed by Congress provides military grants primarily, not economic. It also warns that the \$400,000,000 "are token payments" to be followed by much more. But then it is soothed the American people who realize that the people of Europe need bread, not bullets, saying: "The Truman Doctrine means, and ought to mean, that what we are working for is economic stability, political tranquility and peace. . . . Our success will not be measured by police work in Greece, or by a few Turkish divisions armed with discarded World War II weapons." But the *Times* is not honest to admit that the Doctrine and U. S. arms have already been used by the Greek royalists to launch a military offensive against those Greeks who led the fight against the Nazi invaders.

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN'S

Karl H. Von Wiegand also hails the House endorsement of the Truman Doctrine "as the most important and most significant and most significant post-war political development." He takes the House arguments in favor of the bill literally, and doesn't try to perfume the skunk, declaring: "Once more fears in Europe that some compromise with Soviet Russia may be unavoidable are allayed." On the contrary, he exults that the Doctrine really means "that an eventual clash between the East and the West—between Soviet Russia and America—has moved nearer." Above all Von Wiegand is happy that the passage means the "United Nations Firsters" are defeated.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE also

ignores what the House supporters of the Doctrine actually voted for and argues that the bill really means "a close integration of American policy with the policies of the United Nations. . . ." Indeed, that is what 63 percent of the people want, as shown even by the Gallup poll. But the House defeated any amendments to the Bill which would have given the United Nations jurisdiction over issues which UN was founded to take up.

THE NEWS finds, "offhand, the

prospects for our high school graduates of 1947 and 1948 don't look too rosy." So it suggests "that our Army has a lot to offer young men about to be graduated from high and prep schools."

THE MIRROR'S Ruth Alexander says "Self-rule demands self-discipline."

PM'S Thomas F. Reynolds notes that while Congress debated, the government was already sending arms to the Greek and Turkish regimes and that Brazil has been getting large amounts of machine guns, armored cars, artillery, bomber plane parts, etc.



Come, Gentle Spring: Although the calendar said May last week, heavy ice extended 20 miles into Lake Erie at Buffalo. The Coast Guard had to send the powerful icebreaker Makinaw to get these freighters into port.

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Jobless Army Grows

SIGNS are multiplying that our "free enterprise" system is assuming its "normal" shape: unemployment is increasing—and in alarming proportions in some areas.

New York City shows 189,485 drawing unemployment benefits, an increase of 25 percent within six weeks. Another 88,581 unemployed are drawing "52-20 club" benefits. Home relief rolls are well past the 40,000 mark and they are rising at the rate of 3,000 families a month.

Tens of thousands of other New York veterans and non-veterans have exhausted their benefits but are still out of a job.

Layoffs are reported from automobile and aircraft plants. And nearly 250,000 are believed unemployed in building industry, although that industry is supposed to be at the height of its season with an unprecedented demand for housing.

Apologists for capitalism hasten to explain the slump in each case on grounds of season, material shortages or "consumer resistance."

The drop in employment is too widespread and too heavy to be so explained. Undoubtedly seasonal factors explain some of the drop in the women's wear industries. But more important is the fact that more of the average pay envelope must go for food, and that output in the garment industry is at an unheard of speed-up rate.

Meanwhile, the building industry has priced itself out of purchasers of homes.

We already have more unemployed today than there were for months after the 1929 crash. Unemployment grows not because the wants of the people have been satisfied, but because the people are unable to buy enough of what they produce and need. The cry of the corporations that only more production will bring prices down is proving false in face of the fact that prices are at peak and millions are no longer given an opportunity to produce.

The "prosperity" atmosphere should not fool the workers as it did in 1929. There are plenty of signs that the "honeymoon" is coming to a close. Labor should start thinking of the problem and prepare a program to meet unemployment.

Greece — and Rankin

THERE was a fitting symbol in the House debate which was climaxed by the 287 to 107 vote for the Truman Doctrine.

John Rankin of Mississippi led the fight for endorsement of military aid to Greece and Turkey. When opponents sought adequate debate, the bill was advanced by organized shouting and disorder in the House.

And the GOP-Rankin-Administration group in the House was not ashamed to allow cries of "undeclared warfare" to define the kind of legislation they were passing.

Nothing brings out the anti-American character of this legislation better than Rankin's fight. The obscene old man made it clear he was ready for American boys to go over to Europe or anywhere else for that matter to teach all foreigners how to institute Mississippi "democracy" in their respective lands.

While southern polltaxers and GOP Tories joined the administration in an outcry against Russia again, it was plain that the whole world was the objective of the Rankin-Truman doctrine.

Under the same "anti-Communist" battle cry—so recently used by the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis—the House voted a "second front" in the war already on against American trade unions and the Bill of Rights.

But to paraphrase the administration's forgotten man—Franklin D. Roosevelt—for the cause of peace, the American people have only begun to fight.

'Crank' Notes to Jackie

ANONYMOUS letters threatening Jackie Robinson with violence if he continues his baseball career, are not just "crank" stuff, to be shrugged aside. They bear the smell of the KKK.

The Department of Justice, postal authorities, Governor Dewey and Police Commissioner Wallender must investigate thoroughly to uncover those fascist bigots who fear democracy on the diamond as they do on the American scene generally.



Letters From Our Readers

23rd Psalm
1947 Edition

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Truman is now my shepherd, and I am in want. He maketh me to lie down on park benches, he leadeth me into war, he restoreth my doubt in the Democratic Party. He leadeth me in the paths of destruction for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of war, I do fear evil, for thou are against me. Thy politics and thy war-mongers frighten me. Thou preparest a reduction in wages before me in the presence of my dependents. Thou anointest my income with taxes. My expenses runneth over my income. Surely poverty and fascism will follow me all the days of this administration, and I will dwell in a rented house forever.

JAMES GREEN.

Gets Idea
From Letter

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In a recent "Letters" column, the suggestion by 83-year-old August Simons that Communists without families should will their money, little as it is, to the Communist Party is an excellent idea.

For many months now I've been toying with the idea of doing just that. While I'm less than half the age of Comrade Simons, his letter inspired me to do two things: to write this to the Daily Worker and see about a will pronto!

EX-WAC.

HE BELONGS TO AMERICA

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

LOTS OF PEOPLE, all over the country, envy New York at least one thing—that Bill Foster lives here and speaks here often. In fact, they do not consider him a New Yorker, not for a moment.

The other day I saw a paper from his birthplace, Taunton, Mass. It had a headline, **Taunton Man Heads Communist Party.**

The article told of his life and travels. There was a salty New England tang to it, a sort of home town boy makes good tone—"Well, if the Communists have a leader it might as well be someone from here."

But Philadelphia, too, has stakes in Bill Foster. There he first joined a union, took part in a strike, cast his first vote and became a Socialist. Some day they'll put up a plaque on the street corner where the unknown Socialist's burning words set fire the mind and spirit of the tall, slender young worker who became one of labor's best organizers and one of America's greatest Socialists.

New England and Philadelphia will meet strong counter-claims however, from the Northwest. To them Bill Foster is no Easterner at all. Didn't he homestead in the forests of Oregon? He belongs to the mountains and wide open spaces. Didn't he work in logging camps, sail the seas out of Western ports, work on a Socialist paper in Seattle, get arrested in the famous Spokane Free Speech fight of 1909?

That's where I first met Bill 38 years ago. (He hasn't changed much). Even today, out in the

beautiful Puget Sound country, you can meet old-timers who remember Bill from those days when he joined the I.W.W.

But here comes Chicago, the Windy City by the Great Lakes, to claim Bill as their own.

THE MIDDLE WEST knew many of Bill's best years. Here he organized the Trade Union Educational League to build progressivism in the old unions, as the I.W.W. was too isolated from other organized workers to suit him. Here he published *The Labor Herald*; here he organized the packinghouse workers in 1917 and won them a fat wartime award; here in 1921 he joined the Communist Party.

Pittsburgh interrupts at this point to say "Bill Foster belongs here." Thousands of steel workers in and around the Iron City know Bill Foster. So do the coal miners. They never forget the great strike of 1919 which he led. He and Mother Jones were arrested in one steel company town after another.

The full force of the special coal and iron police fell on these fighting workers. But they laid the basis, under Foster's leadership, for the CIO today and the workers know it.

New England, Philadelphia, the Northwest, Chicago and Pittsburgh, all lay just claim to Bill Foster. He is in the fullest sense a citizen of the U. S. A. Where workers are, there he belongs.

Time Magazine remarked re-

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Encampment Sidelights

By Lester Rodney
(T/4 with 52nd Field Hospital)

This Communist encampment didn't take long to make a dent on the consciousness of the capital. On the first night when I took a cab and said "Turner's Arena," the driver asked "Who's fighting tonight?" Both times I took cabs, the second day and said "Turner's Arena" the driver said something about having heard "you fellows" were in town.

One of them a Negro cabbie, said as I was paying him in front of the Arena, where Negro and white Vets were streaming in, "Gosh, I ought to be in there with you guys. I was in the army myself."

In a restaurant a young fellow noticing the delegates' badge started a conversation. "I read about you fellows in the papers. Why don't you say something about us vets in D. C., who can't even ask for a state bonus because we don't live in any state?"

THE WASHINGTON POST carried a long, factual account of the first day's deliberations, as did the News. Cissie Patterson's Times-Herald in a sneering story about "Communists who call themselves ex-service men," still had to throw a nod to the solid, factual program on behalf of the vets of the nation that came out of the convention.

Six girls from George Washington University sat in on the early session and listened intently to Thompson's report. They said they were "just curious" as students to see how the much-talked about Communists ran a meeting. Asked what they thought of it, they looked un-

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decided for a moment, then settled on "very interesting."

If the F. B. I. had as many men tracking down the murderers of Negroes in Georgia, as they have had floating around Turner's Arena, some of the lynchings might be solved. Our photographer, Art, gave them a little dose of their own medicine, suddenly flashing his camera on a group of five in the Arena lobby. Startled and taken aback, they conferred hastily and wound up throwing dirty looks at Art.

THINGS THAT STICK IN THE MIND: A Negro Vet taking the platform to bring up for the first time—the special problem of woman vets. The introduction of one of the delegates from Massachusetts:—

"The next Un-American delegate is a direct descendant of Daniel Boone." A white Texas Vet drawling out in pure Texas accent his hatred and scorn for "this accursed Jimcrow system." The way the whole convention ran like clockwork, with buses waiting lined up, program speeding along on time, schedule rigidly adhered to. Everybody bent over taking notes during the reports of delegates back after the trips to the various agencies. The rousing cheers when the credentials report listed the amount of privates and PFC's and the good natured boos for "and 12 master and first sergeants."

HE BELONGS TO AMERICA

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cently that three prominent Americans were in Europe—Stassen, Wallace and Foster. A Mid-West newspaper said rather sourly that Bill Foster was visiting his old friends in Europe who used to be in exile and are now in governments.

Comrade Foster will not receive the fulsome publicity accorded Stassen nor the sensational publicity directed at Wallace. That an American Communist can freely visit England, France, Italy, Poland, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia and be treated as an honored guest, irks the ruling class of the U. S. A. who have hated Foster and longed to silence him for the past 40 years.

HE HAS an interesting and exciting story to tell of what he saw and learned in the liberated countries. New Yorkers, in honor of his return, should crowd the

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Tonight Manhattan

THE WORLD TODAY. "Soviet Union and World Peace." Speaker, Harold Collins. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. (16th St.), 8:45 P.M. \$1.00.

Coming

25TH JUBILEE. Morning Freiheit Historic Celebration, Saturday, May 24, 8 p.m. Madison Square Garden. Speakers: Wm. Z. Foster, A. Bittelman, elaborate program includes Mielos Gafni, new musical sensation, Max Rosen, also chorus of 300 and others.

NIGHT of Stars at Brooklyn's J.P.F.O. Celebrating 17 years of I.W.O. Saturday, May 17, 8 p.m. at Masonic Temple (Clermont and Lafayette Ave.) Dance and entertainment. Cass Carr 12-piece band, Jack Gifford, comedian, at present with Milton Berle Radio Show, Kenneth Spencer, concert singer. Adm. by application for a new member of \$1.20; for information, phone WA 4-4757.

Garden to the rafters. Later he will go to speak in all the other places where he is so justly claimed and so greatly admired. He belongs to no one city.

We're a lucky town — the beautiful big city seated by the sea. We've got the Statue of Liberty in our front yard, the United Nations in our parlor and all of America stretching out from here. We are the gateway of international solidarity, which we symbolize in our population. We are the headquarters of the Communist Party and so far, have the biggest party.

At the rate other districts are planning and working, we may have to look to our laurels in the future and we rejoice at the prospect.

We are happy that Bill Foster is back in our midst, safe and well and that we have the privilege of being his neighbors. Let's give him a real party welcome on May 14. He brings the message of Europe to us this time. But always Bill Foster brings the message of America to us—a Socialist America.

More than any other person in our country he personifies the advanced workers of America. He is the sailor, the steelworker, the lumberjack, the miner, the railroad worker. He knows America—all of it—the crowded city slums, the great plains, the woods, the mountains, the forests. He knows the beauty and splendor of our country, the goodness of its plain people. He knows what a paradise on earth a Socialist America will be. He has dedicated his simple unassuming life devotedly to this. Let us honor him for all America on May 14, at Madison Square Garden.

Mild Cal. Quake

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif., May 11 (UP).—A mild earthquake, the second in 12 hours, shook this desert village early today. Today's earthquake, coming shortly before dawn, was barely of enough force to rattle dishes.



DR. GEORGE VAN BLES-BROECK, noted astronomer of Yerkes Observatory, University of Chicago, is pictured at Bocaiva, Brazil. On May 20, during a total eclipse of the sun, he will photograph the bending of starlight passing near the sun. Six months later, he'll take a similar photo at night, on the same spot. Purpose? To check Einstein's relativity theory.

Westchester, Nassau Top Recruiting Goal

Two upstate sections, Westchester and Nassau, went over the top in the N. Y. State Communist recruiting drive last week.

Figures released by the Communist Party showed Westchester with a total of 142 new Communists reaching 105 percent of its quota. Nassau also totaled 142, which was its quota.

In the city Bronx County continued to lead the way, having recruited 804 new members, or 54 percent of its quota. Manhattan Communists have recruited the greatest number of new people, 186. Recruited last week, 10th week of drive:

County	last week	Total	Percent
New York	74	1861	40
Kings	84	1115	45
Bronx	53	804	54
Queens	5	219	34
Garment	2	25	12
Cultural	10	154	34
Total N.Y.C.	228	4178	42
UPSTATE			
Westchester	12	142	105.0
Capitol Dist.	—	30	20
Nassau	12	142	100.0
Mid Hudson	—	3	6.0
Sub Dist.	—	114	28.5
Total Upstate	24	431	50.0
Richmond	—	5	25
Total			
N.Y. state	252	4590	42

UE Licks AFL In Cleveland Poll

The AFL's International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is still staking everything on red-baiting and the CIO's United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers is still winning the elections.

The latest stinging defeat for the IBEW came in the recent poll at the Westinghouse Lighting Division in Cleveland where UE, Local 777, drew 895 votes to 68 for the AFL's union.

For some reason the IBEW's brain trust figured it had a chance to take the plant, which was under a UE contract. They counted on an extra-heavy dose of red-baiting and the services of one Ralph Moses, who tried an "anti-Communist" secession movement in Dayton's Frigidaire local of the UE.

Conviction just before election time of vice-president Bennett of the IBEW for evasion of income taxes on the trifling sum of \$42,000, didn't help the AFL union.

BUILDING The Communist Party

By RECRUITER

Those who have heard William Z. Foster talk about the mass Communist parties of the new Europe which he observed at first-hand, predict that his report in Madison Square Garden this coming Wednesday will cause unprecedented demonstrations of enthusiasm.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who has a speaking engagement in North Carolina on the same day as the Garden rally, insists upon returning to New York to hear Foster's report.

Foster, by the way, will see copies of his new book for the first time at the Wednesday meeting. They will be rushed from International Publishers to the Garden before the meeting is over. The book is titled "American Trade Unionism."

Norman Corwin told this one over the air recently. On his one-world tour, he said, he met the youthful mayor of an Italian city. Asked why he was a Communist, the mayor gave his answer in five words: "Because I am a worker."

A delegation from the Communist Veterans Encampment called on the un-American Committee. The visit was so unexpected that when the committee heard itself called the un-American Committee a spokesman meekly protested, "we haven't insulted you, so please don't insult us." To facilitate the discussions it was decided to simply refer to the un-American Committee as the Committee.

In a speech class at Brooklyn College, a postcard informs me, students were to take sides for a debate on the proposition "Should the Communist Party Be Outlawed." Two students volunteered to argue the negative, but 15 minutes of trying could not get anyone to volunteer for the affirmative.

The Communist parties of Europe, with one or two exceptions, have a single standard of admission to the Party; acceptance of the practical program. Marxist education comes with membership. More exacting standards exist in those countries where the Communist parties face the more exacting tasks of actual leadership of the nation.

It is reliably reported (by a press agent) that a Brooklynite had made all her arrangements for attending the Garden rally, including a sitter for her baby and an appointment with a friend whom she intends to recruit after the Foster speech. She forgot only one detail. The meeting is THIS Wednesday, May 14th. See you there.

Seamen Aid CP Fighting Fund

(The following resolution, signed by 34 members of the S. S. Santa Isabel while at sea March 25, was delivered to the Fighting Fund of the Communist Party together with \$183.25 contributed by the signers, when the vessel made port here.)

We, the undersigned officers and crew of the SS Santa Isabel believed in different political ideas, belong to different religious faiths, are of different ancestries, but are united on one point: That the democratic liberties written in the United States Constitution belong to all Americans and that when democracy is denied any one person or minority, then the whole democratic tradition of America and the future of America is threatened.

We believe that the right to maintain any belief, no matter how unpopular it may be at any moment, is a basic right which must be preserved. We are alarmed at the proposal of (Secretary of Labor) Schweikenbach and the Bill introduced by Congressman Rankin which would legalize the Communist Party and make it a crime to advocate or sympathize with any of the aims of that political party. We feel that the bloody regime of Hitler should teach all that fascism always starts by outlawing beliefs of minorities and does not end until it has enslaved the majority.

We endorse the sentiments of Senator Pepper, Henry Wallace and all other progressive Americans who are opposed to outlawing the Communist Party. We make the following contributions to help you pay for the cost of publicizing to the whole American people the danger which exists for all when any one group is outlawed.

Wah! Plus a Million

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The U. S. Public Health Service tonight estimated that nearly 1,000,000 babies were born in the first three months of this year—a 46.5 percent increase over the first quarter of 1946.

New Harvester Pact

CHICAGO, May 11. — Wage increases totaling 17 cents an hour and a new one-year contract with the International Harvester Company was ratified Saturday by the Harvester Council of the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers—CIO meeting at the Hotel Morrison.

The agreement covers ten plants employing 30,000 workers, 15,000 of them in Chicago. Gerald Fiedle, director of the union's council, announced.

EXTRA! TONITE!

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12:00-WNBC, WJZ-News; Music
WQXR-News; Dance Music
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All programs subject to change to allow for WNYC's complete and exclusive coverage of all UN Security Council meetings.
2:00-Official U. S. Weather Report
2:05-"Boots and the Troll" (Norwegian) on "Tales from the Four Winds"
2:30-Symphonic Matinee, "Symphony No. 92 in E Major (Oxford)" by Haydn
3:55-News Summary
4:00-Four Strings at Four, "Quartet, Opus 18, No. 2," by Beethoven

4:55-News Summary
5:00-Music for Young People, New York College of Music
5:30-Songs at Eventide, John Di Franchese, Baritone
5:45-"You Were There"-Red Cross Dramatic Series
5:55-News Summary
6:00-Folk songs, Lida Brodenova, Czech Songs
6:15-Freedom's Ladder with Clifford Burdette
6:30-"There Are Times" (Drama) written by Albert Solomon, Department of Welfare
6:45-Official U. S. Weather Report and USES "Help Want Ad Column of the Air"
6:55-News Summary
7:00-Masterwork Hour, Faure-Mas-

senet Birthday Program, "Le Cid: Ballet Music," by Massenet
7:55-News Summary
8:00-Folk songs, Gene and Francesca
8:15-Song Stylist, Joan Rice
8:30-"What's Wrong with American Food"-Prof. Warren Bower of NYU interviews Dr. N. Philip Norman on "Readers Almanac"
8:45-Columbia University Festival of Contemporary Music, "Mother of Us All"-New Opera by Virgil Thomson and Gertrude Stein
10:30-Spotlight Varieties
10:55-News Summary
11:00-FM ONLY, The City Hour of Music and News
11:55-FM ONLY, Final News Summary and Sign-off

Featured Programs

MORNING

11:00-WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
•WNBC-Fred Waring Show
WOR-News; Prescott Robinson
WQXR-Arthur Godfrey
WQXR-News; Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR-Tello-Test Quiz
WOR-Kate Smith Serenade
WOR-Easy Does It; Music
WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
WQXR-Grand Slam-Musical Quiz
WQXR-Musical Personalities
11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawson-Sketch
WOR-Talk-Victor H. Lindlahr
WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk
WQXR-Rosemary-Sketch

AFTERNOON

WQXR-Tom Scott, Songs
12:00-WNBC-Rad Hall, News
WOR-Home Edition-News
WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
WQXR-News; Kate Smith Chat
WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree
WQXR-Aunt Jenny's Stories
12:30-WNBC-Maggi McNellis
WOR-News; So This Is Love
WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig
WQXR-Helen Trent
12:45-WNBC-Show Tunes
WQXR-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Better Half Matinee
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News
WQXR-Big Sister-Sketch
•WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
WQXR-Ma Perkins-Sketch
1:30-WOR-Religious Program
WQXR-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
WJZ-Galen Drake-Talk
1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
WOR-The Answer Man
WQXR-The Road of Life-Sketch
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Kiernan's Corner
WQXR-Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR-News; Program Favorites
2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch
WJZ-The Woman's Exchange
WQXR-Perry Mason-Sketch
2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Bride and Groom
WQXR-Lone Journey-Sketch
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker-Talk
2:45-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch
WQXR-Lose of My Dreams
WQXR-Music Memory Game
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR-Martha Deane Show
WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
WQXR-Bouquet for You
WQXR-News; Recent Releases
3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
WOR-Rambling With Gambling
WJZ-Pat Barnes-Talk
WQXR-Winner Take All
3:45-WNBC-Best Things in Life-Play
•WJZ-Pursuit of Happiness, AFL
4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife Sketch
WOR-Ask Dr. Toby
WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show
WQXR-House Party; News Reports
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas-Sketch
4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones-Sketch
WOR-Barry Gray Program
WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
WQXR-Hollywood Jackpot
4:45-WNBC-Young Wilder Brown
WOR-Adventure Parade
WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
•WOR-Superman
WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
WQXR-Latin-American Rhythms
5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
WJZ-Jack Armstrong
WOR-Captain Midnight
WQXR-Treasure Bandstand
WQXR-Cocktail Time
5:45-WNBC-Front-Page Farrell
WOR-Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch

EVENING

6:00-WNBC-News Reports
WOR-George C. Putnam, News
WJZ-News; Sports-Joe Hael
WQXR-News; Eric Sevaried
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:15-WOR-On the Century, Interviews
•WNBC-Hyman Blumberg, American Labor Party
WJZ-Ethel and Albert
WQXR-In My Opinion
6:30-WOR-News-Fred Vandevanter
WJZ-Alan Prescott
WQXR-Sports-Red Barber
WQXR-Dinner Concert
WNBC-Your State Income Tax
6:40-WNBC-Bill Stern, Sports
6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Ed and Peggen Fitzgerald
WQXR-Robert Trout, News
7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comment
WJZ-Headline Edition
•WQXR-Mystery of the Week
WQXR-News; Treasury of Music
7:15-WNBC-News of the World
WOR-The Answer Man
WJZ-Elmer Davis, News
WQXR-Jack Smith Show
7:30-WNBC-Patterns in Melody
WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
WOR-Henry J. Taylor, Comment
•WJZ-Lone Ranger
WQXR-Winner Take All
WQXR-News; Today in Music
7:45-WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
8:00-WOR-Scotland Yard, Play
•WNBC-Cavalade of America
WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner
•WQXR-Inner Sanctum Show
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ-Senator Ball
8:30-WNBC-Christopher Lynch-Tenor
•WOR-Case Book of Gregory Hood
•WJZ-Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, with Tom Conway and Nigel Bruce
•WQXR-Jean Davis Show
8:45-WMCA-Bert Andrews, Comment
8:55-WQXR-Bill Henry, News
9:00-WJZ-Treasury Agent, Sketch
WQXR-Radio Theatre
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WQXR-News; Concert Hall
•WNBC-Robert Cazadessus, Piano
9:15-WOR-Real Stories
9:30-WOR-Lombardo's Orchestra
•WNBC-Sammy Kaye Show
WQXR-Designs in Harmony
9:45-WQXR-Great Names
10:00-WNBC-Buddy Clark, Baritone;
WOR-Fishing & Hunting Club
10:15-WJZ-Attorney General Clark

WJZ-The Doctors Talk It Over
WQXR-Screen Guild Play
WQXR-News; Opera Preview
10:30-WNBC-Dr. I. Q. Quiz
•WOR-The Symphonette
WJZ-Murder at Midnight-Drama
WQXR-Bob Hawk Show
WQXR-The Showcase
11:00-WNBC, WOR-News; Music
WJZ, WQXR-News; Music
WQXR-News; Symphony Music
11:30-WQXR-Concert Music

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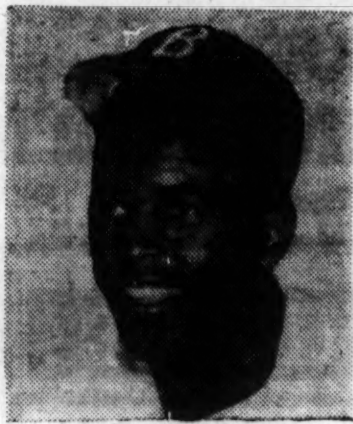
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Memo Philly Fans: Same Hotel That Bars Jackie Jimcrowed NYU in '46 Too

By Bill Mardo

Jackie Robinson isn't the first Negro athlete to be Jimcrowed out of Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Hotel. At the annual Penn Relays last year, the same hotel refused to house NYU's mixed track team which included the nationally famous Negro miler and war vet, Frank Dixon.

NYU had reserved rooms last April, but when its squad of 15 runners arrived, the Ben Franklin Hotel arrogantly refused to



JACKIE ROBINSON

take in the Negro members of the team. Coach Emil Von Elling tried

to obtain rooms for the entire team elsewhere, but the housing shortage proved a cropper. Finally 10 of the runners, Negro and white, were housed at the Penn dormitories—while five white NYU runners reluctantly stayed on at the Ben Franklin.

So this is the foul history of a hotel which today continues to defy the democratic traditions of the city which seated the signers of the Declaration of Independence. This is the hotel which Jimcrowed a nationally known college team—and which now refuses to put up a varsity member of the Brooklyn Dodgers—and former Army lieutenant.



FRANK DIXON

The progressive interracial organizations of Philadelphia were

up in arms when the Ben Franklin pulled its first stunt last year. And the same wave of resentment and shame is being felt in that city toward the only hotel on the major league circuit, aside from the Case Hotel in St. Louis, which refuses to find room for a great American athlete.

There's every indication that the democratic fans of Philly will press for strong prosecution against the management of the Ben Franklin Hotel—demanding the end of their Jimcrow policy or investigation of the Hotel's discrimination under the State's Equal Rights Bill.

From the Pressbox

How About Rubber Bases?

Grizzled odd Bill Klem, boss of National League umpires, revealed yesterday he has gone into business to produce the answer to a base-runner's prayers. "Rubber bases," said the "Old Arbitrator," who boasts he never called a wrong 'un in more than 40 years of umpiring.

"With rubber bases, a man could run with much more daring," he pointed out. "Chances of injury would be reduced and they're designed so a runner can hit them and make his turn without worrying about his stride."

Always a bug on bases, Klem has been passing out samples of his rubber bag to all the clubs in his league, requesting each manager to give them a trial in daily pre-game warmups.

Klem has more than a passing interest in hoping the players will like the rubber cushions.

"See my business card?" he chuckled. "The Klem-Fleming baseball base, in. I'm the new president of that thing."

The original idea came from John G. Fleming of Pawtucket, R.I., who submitted it to Klem. Together they worked out the design and Bill got himself elected president.

The sample has a rounded top surface of white rubber which Klem insists cannot be cut by flying spikes. It is not solid rubber, but simply a heavy rubber cover over an inner bag stuffed with a stiff composition resembling white horsehair.

Klem's Got Something There

"There'll be some old reactionaries who might not like it at first," Klem conceded, "but I'm confident a majority of players will like it. If they do, the league could alter its base rule which stipulates canvas covered bags are to be used."

According to Klem, the average National League Club could get along with only two sets of rubber base a year—compared to the nine sets used by the Boston Braves last year.

"Furthermore, it would be a boon to the minors," Klem said. "They'd save on costs and still have clean white bases every day. Up in our league, I got through a rule last year that bases had to be painted for every game. In the minors, they're hardly ever painted."

"An umpire needs a clean base on hair-line plays." Among the testimonials Klem is sporting are a pair from Frankie Frisch, the old Fordham Flash, and Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics.

"Frisch told me those canvas bases, especially new ones, used to give him and his players stone bruises when they hit 'em. And Connie Mack, who used some rubber ones this spring, told me, 'William, you sure have got something there.'"

What happens in the rain, when the rubber gets slick?

"When it rains," grumbled Klem, "we don't play."

Reminded that a game continued for quite a spell during a rain at Brooklyn last week, Klem studied the problem a moment.

"Well," he said, "We could make 'em with ridges in the top so the rain would drain off!"

Reggie Is Still Rolling

Reggie Pearman, NYU's new Negro track sensation made the Olympic coaches continue to sit up and take notice on the basis of his smashing double in the quarter and half-mile events as NYU smothered Army in a dual meet Saturday afternoon. Everyone is waiting for him to hook up with Herb McKenley again. Other Violet stars were Bernie Mayer in the field events and Homer Gillis in the dashes.

Frank Sinatra has finally closed that match between heavyweights Jersey Joe Walcott and Joe Maxim in Los Angeles come June 27. The winner is to meet Joe Louis—it says, hopefully on the coast.

Cardinal morale has gone up a notch on news from St. Louis that Slugger Stan Musial won't have to undergo that immediate operation after all.

Jet Pilot, Phalanx, Faultless, On Trust. Then it was Faultless, On Trust, Phalanx, Jet Pilot. Just to keep the pattern straight it should be Phalanx, Jet Pilot, On Trust, Faultless in next week's Belmont. So that's a silly way to pick horses, is it? Know a better way?

Scouts are said to be eyeing Jim Goodwin, a rookie portsider who has chalked up five straight for the Jersey City Giants. He's one of the big reasons why the "Little Giants" are in first place.

Eddie Miller, Cincinnati shortstop who wanted to retire before the season, has got the whole league talking about his unexpected home-run spree. He slammed his seventh in 21 games the other day. A quick glance at the records show that in 91 games last year he hit exactly one four-baser.

Giants Win Opener From Braves, 8-1

Sain Shelled From Hill in 5th; Kennedy Gains 2d Win

Benefitting from sound pitching for the second successive day, the New York Giants pleased a Sunday turnout of 51,840 fans yesterday at the Polo Grounds by overwhelming the Boston Braves in the first game of a doubleheader, 8-1.

The hero of the occasion was young Montie Kennedy who held the Braves to five hits and had a shutout within his grasp until the ninth. The Giants went to work on Johnny Sain, Boston's ace, in the very first inning. Sain retired Blattner and Rigney on strikes, but Thomson's single was followed by a double to left from the bat of Johnny Mize. Mize later scored on Walker Cooper's single to give the whole team a two-run lead.

Another run came across in the fourth when Sain walked Lohrke and Kennedy—Lohrke racing home on Blattner's single.

The skies fell on Sain in the fifth following an error by Connie Ryan of Marshall's easy grounder. Cooper tripled Marshall home with a mighty swat into the left center-field corner. Johnny Lanning came into the bullpen to replace Sain, pitching eight straight balls to fill the bases and then walking Kennedy to force Cooper home. Lanning was replaced by the rookie Walter Lanfranconi, who yielded a double to Blattner, scoring two more tallies. A fifth run crossed the plate on Thomson's infield out.

Kennedy's whitewashing was spoiled in the ninth when he walked Mike McCormick, who went

around the bases on singles by Elliot and Litwhiler.

Bob Carpenter, the righthanded hurler who has been with the Giants since 1941 and who spent two and a half years in the Army, was given his unconditional release yesterday. It happens that Carpenter showed Clint Hartung how to throw a curve, with the result that Hartung now takes Carpenter's place on the pitching staff. Moral: Don't show your curves to the wrong boy.

Dodgers Home for One Game Today—And Then the West

The Brooklyn Dodgers come back to Ebbets Field today for one game with the Braves to fill out a hole in the schedule left by a postponement two weeks ago. After today's tilt, the Flatbushers take off on their first western swing of the season.

Say RR Clerks May Give Negroes Rights

CINCINNATI, May 11 (FP).—The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, A.F.L., will grant equal status to its Negro members at its 18th convention which opens here tomorrow, Monday, it was reliably learned.

A constitutional amendment granting full voting rights to Negroes is expected to be presented to the convention. At present Negroes belonging to auxiliary locals and are barred from voting on local and national questions.

Redleg Rookie Ace Has His Doubts

The hottest rookie in baseball is a basketball player by profession, but Frankie Baumholtz of the Cincinnati Reds admits playing right field in the majors is a mighty pleasant way of spending the off-season.

There's money in it and you meet such nice people.

But until he proves to himself he's no stray bolt of lightning in this cold and rainy spring, he can't decide whether he was found a new career or just another way to keep in shape for pitching field goals for the Cleveland Rebels of the Basketball Association of America.

"You gotta do something in the summertime," said the rosy cheeked rookie when we interviewed him during Cincy's series with the New York Giants last week.

"I still don't know what's what,"

he admitted. "I'd like to go as far as I can in both sports. Who wouldn't? But basketball pays well and I'm established."

"Up to here I've never considered whether I'd quit baseball entirely if I didn't—or don't—make the grade this year. I might, at that."

For a man with his heart in basketball, Baumholtz possesses an amazing ability to concentrate on his off-season employment.

If Baumholtz is worried about sticking, he needn't.

"He's my lead-off man and my right fielder for the season," manager Johnny Neun has gone on the record.

Frank, an all-America basketball player at Ohio University before the war, signed into the Reds baseball system and played a year before entering the navy. Deacon Bill Mc-

Kechnie, then managing the Reds, got his first look at him while Baumholtz was playing with Great Lakes in 1942 in the company of established major leaguers—and more than holding his own.

McKechnie tabbed him then and there for future greatness but out he went to a redleg farm at Columbia, S. C., in the Sally League last year where he hit .343 as runnerup for the league's batting crown in his first full year out of service.

Installed as a regular by Neun this spring, he has been hitting all kinds of pitching to all fields, specializing in those vital line drive hits a good lead-off man must produce. Up to yesterday, he had his average right at .314.

He's convinced everybody but Baumholtz.

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All-Veterans Orchestra
In Town Hall Concert

By Murray Chase

The All-Veterans Orchestra of New York, assembled "to assist its members, all of whom are veterans of World War II, in their efforts to again resume their active musical careers," devoted half of its recent Town Hall concert to Soviet works, including the American premiere performance of Kabalevsky's suite, *The Comedians*.

Under the direction of Sascha London, the group demonstrated considerable individual ability, although the effect as a whole was rough, particularly in the accompaniments for Lola Monti-Gorsey's two vocal groups.

Settings by Shostakovich of Five British and American Folk Songs and by Ter-Ghevodian and Steinberg of three Soviet folk songs, were included in the second half, besides the Kabalevsky suite. The ten short vivacious sketches comprising the latter make the most of the small orchestra for which they were written. They are brightly colored and tasteful musical morsels.

This groups plans for next season include expansion to full orchestral size. Its stated policy is to encourage "the best American talent available, both performers and composers," and it intends to present one American soloist at each of its future concerts.

With more experience as a unit these five performers should become a worth-while fixture in the New York musical scene.

The Carnegie "Pops" are in full swing.

The few samplings we've taken have been very uneven both for musical material and performance.

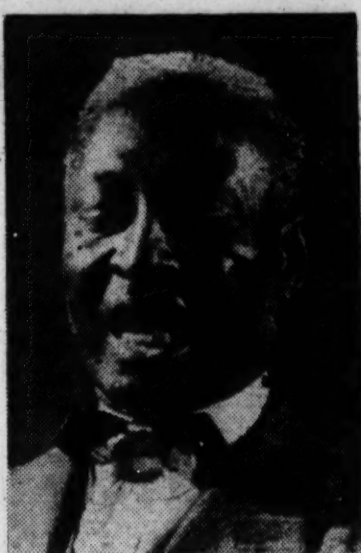
The "Gala" opening proved a deadening affair in which even "William Tell" sounded unexciting. The only bright spots in the opener were Robert Merrill's contributions, and to a lesser degree, the singing of Eva Likova, soprano. Conductor Broekman seemed listless, the orchestra dispirited.

The attitude of the opening night audience was in marked contrast to the doings on stage. It seemed determined to enjoy itself and its applause was the most enthusiastic note in the concert.

The Gershwin evening brought out a more energetic Mr. Broekman and this energy communicated itself of the orchestra with more spirited if not smoother results.

The soloists on this occasion, Muriel Rahn, Soprano, Edwards Matthews, Baritone and Stanley Freeman, pianist, helped considerably.

The Norman Granz "Jazz at the Philharmonic" sessions and the Calypso Carnival are too familiar New York institutions to require comment. The jazz sessions will recur on Monday evenings for the rest of the "Pops" season through June 14.



Huddie Ledbetter (Lead Belly), King of the Twelve String Guitar will star in his own concert production *American Folk Music*, an informal folklore festival to be presented at the Irving Plaza Ballroom, 15 St. and Irving Place, Friday evening, May 16, at 8:30 p.m. Featured with Lead Belly will be the charming folk singer Edith Allaire. The program will include Negro folk songs, blues, spirituals and stories reflecting the life of the Negro in the south.

Labor Fact

Book No. 8

Out Soon

Labor Fact Book 8, prepared by the Labor Research Association and published by International Publishers, will be issued on May 23. The *Labor Fact Books*, brought out every two years, are the most widely read labor reference books in the United States, used alike by employees, employers, unions, government agencies, and students of the labor movement and current economic conditions.

Like its predecessors, *Labor Fact Book 8* contains entirely new material. It summarizes the major economic trends of the past two years—production and consumption figures, monopoly, wages, and prices. Facts and figures on strikes, collective bargaining, government regulations concerning labor form an important part of the book, which also deals with labor's political action and summarizes the issues and programs in recent election campaigns.

The book also covers taxation, family incomes, the changing status of the Negro, agriculture and farm organizations, and concludes with the major developments in the international labor movement.

Hotel Workers
Enact 'Decision,'
Chodorov's Play

The Front Service Footlights, an amateur dramatic group composed of workers from Hotel Front Service Employees Union, Local 144, AFL, will enact Edward Chodorov's forceful and exciting drama, *Decision*, for four nights beginning Thursday, May 15 through Sunday, May 18 at the Master Institute Theatre, 103 St. and Riverside Drive at 8:30 p.m.

The cast, composed of all local talent from the Hotel Industry, is under the direction of Marie Scanlan. Funds derived from this production will be turned over to the Welfare Fund of the local union.

Radio Story of
Ancient Rome

An intimate picture of the conduct and operation of the Roman Army almost 2,000 years ago, which draws a parallel with conquering hordes of modern times, is revealed during the WJZ-ABC broadcast of *The Greatest Story Ever Told* on Sunday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m., EDT.

« Radio Roundup »

By James Kepner

Nancy Craig spends two quarter hours daily (12:30 and 1:15 p.m.) on WJZ chattering about everything from baby oil to Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. pamphlets. Her voice oozes on and on over all such subjects as may pass for household problems.

Whatever useful information housewives may get on programs of this sort usually consists of suggestions as to how to spend more money. Quite useful these days. The fact is that what passes for public service is nothing more than candy-coated advertising.

If Nancy and others of her ilk stuck to their recipes and thinly disguised commercials, I'd have few complaints. However, it's become habitual to try to enliven such shows by interviewing celebrities. I use the word "try" advisedly. No matter how interesting the writers, public officials, etc., may be in real life, these programs make them seem boring, if not actually repulsive. The questions asked are hardly conducive to a mature interview. Unless the guest squelches his host he has no chance to say anything worthwhile, if indeed he has anything of the sort to say.

less able to touch the chords of Nazi sympathy.

At any rate, Nancy and P. G. didn't mention the war. They discussed more important things. "Paris in 1945—so unbearably cold, one had to wear an overcoat at all times. Food, really good food, was very hard to find. Ira Gershwin sent me food packages from the States. . . . I couldn't even get a typewriter. Had to write my last book by hand. . . . New York today takes my breath. Those charming taxi drivers in their gay green and yellow cabs. Comic strips are too serious these days. You know I was once known as the sweet thrush of Great Neck, Long Island. . . . Butlers are so fascinating, you know. The species is near extinct in England. Real butlers, I mean. Few countries left have real butlers, or real country estates. . . . I've more on my mind than just eating. I'm really quite spiritual you know."

Our Nancy hanging on his every word, gurgling, gasping and cooing. Only enjoyable moment was when he sharply reprimanded her for those silly noises she kept making.

RANDOM NOTES

• The British Broadcasting Co. the other night, in a goodwill program beamed to America (picked up by WNYC) featured a balladeer in a song for which he was said to be famous. A very long affair, titled *If the Man in the Moon Were a Coon*, describing in all the most objectionable details how a dark moon would restrain romance, etc., ad nauseum. If that's their idea of goodwill. . . .

• The Entertainment Unions Committee and the AFL sponsoring a Thursday Variety series at 9:30 p.m. that should be very good. Also an afternoon dramatic show at 3:45. Both on WJZ-ABC.

• Three Big Biz trade paper editors will tell the people "how they can forestall a recession." Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., WNBC.

Goldman Band to
Premiere Neglected
Masterpiece

On Monday evening, June 23, in the Mall in Central Park, the Goldman Band, with Richard Franko Goldman conducting, will present what is believed to be the first performance in America of a major work of Berlioz, written for band.

This work, the *Funeral and Triumphant Symphony*, Opus 15, was written in 1840 for the dedication of the Bastille Column and the 10th Anniversary of the Revolution of July, 1830. During the lifetime of the composer it enjoyed wide popularity, and it was in fact this work which aroused Richard Wagner to express his admiration for Berlioz. Wagner described the work as "great and noble from the first to the last note."

Child-Parent
Musical Experiment
Tomorrow

An interesting experiment in Child-Parent participation is held at the Hunter College Elementary School each year in the Annual Child-Parent Musicales sponsored by the Parents Association.

The unusual feature of this year's Musicales to be held at a Special Assembly on May 13 will be original compositions written by Hunter parents, performed either by the composer himself, by his own child, or by other children of the school.

Scheduled for performance is a composition for piano by Mr. Ignace Strasfogel, honoring his son's birthday.

Dr. Herbert Inch, a member of the Hunter College Music Faculty has written a suite for violin and piano, to be played on the violin by his daughter, accompanied by himself.

Grim Horror Tale

These three episodes tell a fascinating and terrible story of the power which private monopolies exert in the government and history of the country. The source is unim-

peachable, for Herbert Feis was the International Economic Adviser for the State Department. And while we surmise that he could have told more, what he does reveal is plenty.

The first episode shows how the international rubber cartel, mainly Anglo-Dutch, contributed to the acute scarcity of this vital material on the eve of the war. The dominant American authorities—such as Jesse Jones and his business colleagues—entirely under-estimated the importance of rubber and the amounts we would need.

Feis makes it plain that were it not for the ability of the chemical industry to bridge the gap with a

synthetic, the entire Allied world would have run short of rubber at the crisis of the war.

The second episode is not as spectacular, but it provides an important insight into the Anglo-American battle for the oil of the Near East. The story of the famous Arabian pipe-line that the government planned to build and finally gave up after giving into the private oil concerns is extremely valuable.

We get here the whole complex of post-war development: the rivalry of British and American concerns; the inter-linking of private interests with those of the government; the crude imperialist politics of buying up the Arab feudal lords under whose lands the rich resources of oil are found.

The final episode takes a longer view in point of time, and covers familiar ground: the story of how American oil and raw materials made possible Mussolini's aggression on Ethiopia. This is a twice-told tale but there is some grim consolation in reading now an authoritative analysis and admission of the indictment which the Communists and other progressives made of American policy 12 years ago.

Dumas Costume

Film Opens May 13

The Queen's Necklace, one of France's costliest costume pictures, starring Viviane Romance, will follow *Les Enfants du Paradis* when it ends its run at the Ambassador Theatre on May 13.

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Claim Axis Agents Among Arab Delegates to UN

The head of the Arab Higher Committee of Palestine and three members of the latter's delegation to the United Nations session were accused last night of being Axis agents in a documented memorandum submitted to the UN by The Nation Associates.

The memorandum, submitted by Freda Kirchwey, president of the organization, charged that the Arab Higher Committee of Palestine is a creature of the Arab League, that its head is the former Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, "a full partner of the Axis before and during World War II, and an escaped prisoner of war who has found asylum in the Palace of the King of Egypt."

Copies of the protest went to Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil, president of the General Assembly; and Lester B. Pearson, president of the UN Political Committee.

UN begins its third week of work on the Palestine problem today when the 55-nation political committee receives a subcommittee report.

Two especially appointed subcommittees failed to reconcile differences over the future independence of Palestine and will refer the problem back to the full committee tomorrow.

Poland and some other countries had sought to emphasize that the humane problem of the DP camps was part of the Palestine question. Anglo-American delegates, however, succeeded in getting the subcommittee not to press this.

Slave Bills

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prohibit the check-off for union dues except where workers individually signed authorization cards. Passed, 48 to 40.

3 — Adopted an amendment by Taft providing that jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts can be the basis for damage suits against unions. Passed 65 to 26.

4 — Adopted an amendment by Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) forbidding the NLRB to certify as a bargaining representative any union among whose officers there is a Communist or alleged Communist sympathizer. Passed by standing vote.

5 — Rejected an amendment by Ball which in effect bans industry-wide bargaining. Defeated 43 to 44.

6 — Rejected an amendment by Ball which would have permitted employers to seek injunctions in federal courts against jurisdictional disputes and secondary boycotts. Defeated by voice vote.

7 — Rejected an amendment by Ball to outlaw contracts providing for a union shop, maintenance of membership or union security. (The bill already bans the closed shop) Defeated 21 to 57.

8 — Rejected an amendment by Sen. Aiken (R-Vt) permitting growers and processors to seek injunctions against jurisdictional strikes and boycotts where perishable products were affected. Defeated 36 to 54.

9 — Rejected an amendment by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) permitting an employer to discharge any worker ousted from a union on charges of being a Communist. Defeated by a voice vote.

GOP May Seek Tough Civil Service Purge

WASHINGTON, May 11.—A more drastic witch hunt against federal employees than the one proposed by President Truman is reported planned by House Republicans.

GOP sources said chairman Edward H. Rees (R-Kan) of the House

Wayne Univ. Conducts A Sheepskin Blacklist

DETROIT, May 11.—Wayne University, a public tax-supported school in this city, is conducting a blacklist by putting the finger on students sympathetic to labor when they apply for jobs.

George Shenker, World War II veteran and an outstanding engineering student, had his political affiliation put into his application for a job with Westinghouse Electrical Corp. Shenker is a member of the Communist Party.

FINGER MAN

The man who did the finger job on Shenker was Prof. Donald Perkins, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the university. When questioned by this reporter, Prof. Perkins admitted that he would similarly blacklist any student who had sympathy for unions.

Job applications from students at the university pass through the heads of the various departments and their judgment weighs heavily in determining whether the student gets the job. There is no question on the application concerning political affiliation and Prof. Perkins entered the information in the space reserved for remarks.

Prof. Perkins stated in the application that Shenker rated high on initiative, industry and enthusiasm for his work. He also classified him high on leadership qualities and ended his comment by saying Shenkar was "a very good student, claims membership in the Communist Party."

"The reason I did this," Prof. Perkins said, "was because this is information that the company would like to know."

He was then asked whether sympathy for unions should be entered on job applications.

"Yes," answered the professor. "I think the company should know that about a potential employee."

DEFENDED BY SCHOOL

Prof. Perkins' blacklist was defended by the university's press chief Wendell Creeland, who also thought that the university would

Union Pact Includes Turkey, Trimmings

FOND DU LAC, Wis., May 11 (FP).—A turkey plus \$10 for all the trimmings is part of a written agreement granting 10 percent wage increases to employees of the Fred Ruepin Leather Co. here.

For the past few years the company has been giving each worker a turkey at Christmas time. During negotiations union members stated their appreciation but said they never had enough money to prepare side dishes for a meal worthy of the fowl. The company came through with the \$10, incorporating both items in the agreement.

The contract, negotiated by Local 360, International Fur and Leather Workers Union (CIO), on a wage reopening clause, also calls for an additional 5c automatic increase Oct. 1.

be "remiss in its duty" if it did not finger pro-labor students for the bosses.

We brought this story to Detroit's Mayor Edward Jeffries and asked him if Wayne University was building a blacklist for manufacturers.

"Hell, no," the Mayor responded. "We are not in that kind of business. This seems to be kind of scraping the bottom of the barrel, when they get to this kind of stuff."

"If I were a professor," Mayor Jeffries continued, "I would never do a thing like that. What has a student's political affiliation to do with his mechanical ability—it beats me."

Before we left, the Mayor added he thought the issue was a good one to argue about. We assured him that there would be plenty of argument against this blacklist with a college degree.

Md. Unions Urge 1-Day Stoppage

CUMBERLAND, Md., May 11.—Leaders of the Western Maryland Labor Unity Conference, consisting of AFL, CIO and unaffiliated unions, wired heads of all unions urging a one-day protest stoppage if anti-labor laws are passed by Congress.

The conference also called for labor unity on a national scale and for action to establish a third party in the United States.

William Boyd Coleman, president of the powerful Celanese, Local 1874

of the CIO's Textile Workers Union, presided at the conference where the stoppage proposal was passed. Some 19 unions with a membership of 20,000 were represented.

REPORT CONDEMNED NEGRO G. I. IN SOLITARY

Lemus Woods, condemned Negro GI, brought to this country from the Philippines after winning a stay of execution and new trial was reported held in solitary confinement in San Francisco.

Woods was sentenced to death by an army overseas court martial in May 1946, charged with murdering a tentmate. He claimed innocence and said the shooting was an accident.

A Detroitier and member of the UAW-CIO, Woods' case attracted attention in the Auto City where

the local Civil Rights Congress and leaders of the UAW rallied to his defense. Their intervention through Ernest Goodman, Detroit attorney, helped obtain a stay of execution and promise of a fair trial.

Goodman made public an order signed by the provost marshal of the prison in which Woods is held directing a regime which the attorney said "seemed to reflect a spirit of persecution."

Woods was ordered kept alone at all times and to be handcuffed to a guard at meals and exercise. He

was allowed relief from solitary only for visiting the latrine, for 30 minutes exercise per day and for meals. Guards were forbidden to speak to him. The prisoner was to be checked each 15 minutes.

A sharp protest has been sent to the commanding general in San Francisco. Attorney Goodman pointed out in the protest that Woods had been granted a new trial by the President of the United States on the grounds that the evidence did not warrant his conviction.

by BARNARD RUBIN

DESPITE disclaimers to the contrary, Commissioner of Health Israel Weinstein's job, at the moment, is pretty shaky.

He is definitely on the pan, as of now. . . .

TOWN TALK

Marshall Field reported interested in a deal to merge his radio holdings with the American Broadcasting Company with a voice in the running of that net work. . . .

Warner Brothers, joining the red-baiting spree, is now also getting petty with its employees. Their Hollywood studio cops have been instructed to check everyone leaving the lot during working hours, to make notes on times in and out and to report all this to the front office. . . .

Possibility that Edward G. Robinson may act Fiorello H. LaGuardia in a movie biography of our best ex-mayor. . . .

George Raft has told his bodyguard Mack Grey to stop acting as a go-between between himself and reporters. Raft thinks he can get a better press on his own. . . .

More and more criticism being directed against George V. Denny, moderator of the Town Hall of the Air program, for his extremely partial and biased "moderating." Senator Glen Taylor, as a matter of fact, took an open crack at Denny's unfair handling of debates last week on the program itself. . . .

Both the French and Austrian film industries planning to make Russian language versions of their films for export to the Soviet Union. Burl Ives was ordered by 20th Century Fox to drop 40 pounds. . . .

Now it's Lassie the dog set for her own program. She'll bark her way through an ABC dog food show starting June 8. . . .

Tallulah Bankhead writing her autobiography for Doubleday. . . . In connection with the National Broadcasting Corporation vice-president's stupid censoring of Fred Allen, Bill Demarest sent Allen the following slogan: "I'd rather be bright than vice-president." . . .

Margaret Sullivan returns to Broadway May 29 to recreate her original role of Sally Middleton in Voice of the Turtle for four performances. Nature of a warm-up before she makes her London debut.

Pelican Productions will do the West Coast stage production of the Skin of our Teeth, with Keenan Wynn, Carol Stone and Blanche Yurka. Pelican is the outfit organized by John Houseman, Lewis Milestone, Norman Lloyd, Howard Da Silva, Bernard Hermann, etc. . . .

A new race track will be built at Secaucus, New Jersey, only ten minutes from Times Square via the Lincoln Tunnel, and with only a 10 percent tax. . . .

British producer J. Arthur Rank has signed a deal to sell at least 40 features to Czechoslovakia by the end of 1948.

There is now a Humor Hall of Fame organized by the National Laugh Week Foundation. After a three-month poll of theatrical historians and amusement page editors the following were selected for the honor: Charlie Chaplin, James Thurber, the Marx Brothers, Jimmy Durante, Fred Allen, Jack Benny—and from the past, Will Rogers, Mark Twain, Robert Benchley, Damon Runyon and W. C. Fields. . . .

Children of India is the first feature length Indian motion picture dealing with modern times to arrive in the United States. Written and directed by K. A. Abbas, leading Indian journalist, author and playwright who is expected to visit Hollywood shortly. . . .

The newest thing in Hollywood is a "nod man"—a tongue-tied "yes man." . . .

Looks like they ought to re-name Selznick's latest \$5,000,000 movie, "Dull in the Sun." . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

The wife of the late Royal Arch Gunnison (the radio commentator who was killed in an airplane crash in Hong Kong) has had to buy up her husband's stock in the magazine 47. Stocks in the cooperatively owned magazine cannot be transferred or inherited. . . .

The Culinary Arts Press, itemed here recently as having references offensive to Negroes in their Southern Cook Book, has promised that all such references will be eliminated in future editions. . . .

From two front-page stories in the May 7 edition of the Portland (Maine) Evening Express. The first reads: "Maine topped the New England States in violating child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act during the six months period which ended April 30, the local office of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, reported today."

Side by side with that story ran a smaller one headed "WAGES, HOURS OFFICE CLOSING." Then the story reads, "The Portland Office of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division, U.S. Department of Labor, will close permanently May 15, as a result of a Federal budget cut . . . the Portland Office serves the entire state. . . . All Rights Reserved

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